

**BIENNIAL REPORT  
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**For The Years  
July 1, 1955, Through June 30, 1957**



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## **Our Vanishing Shoreline**

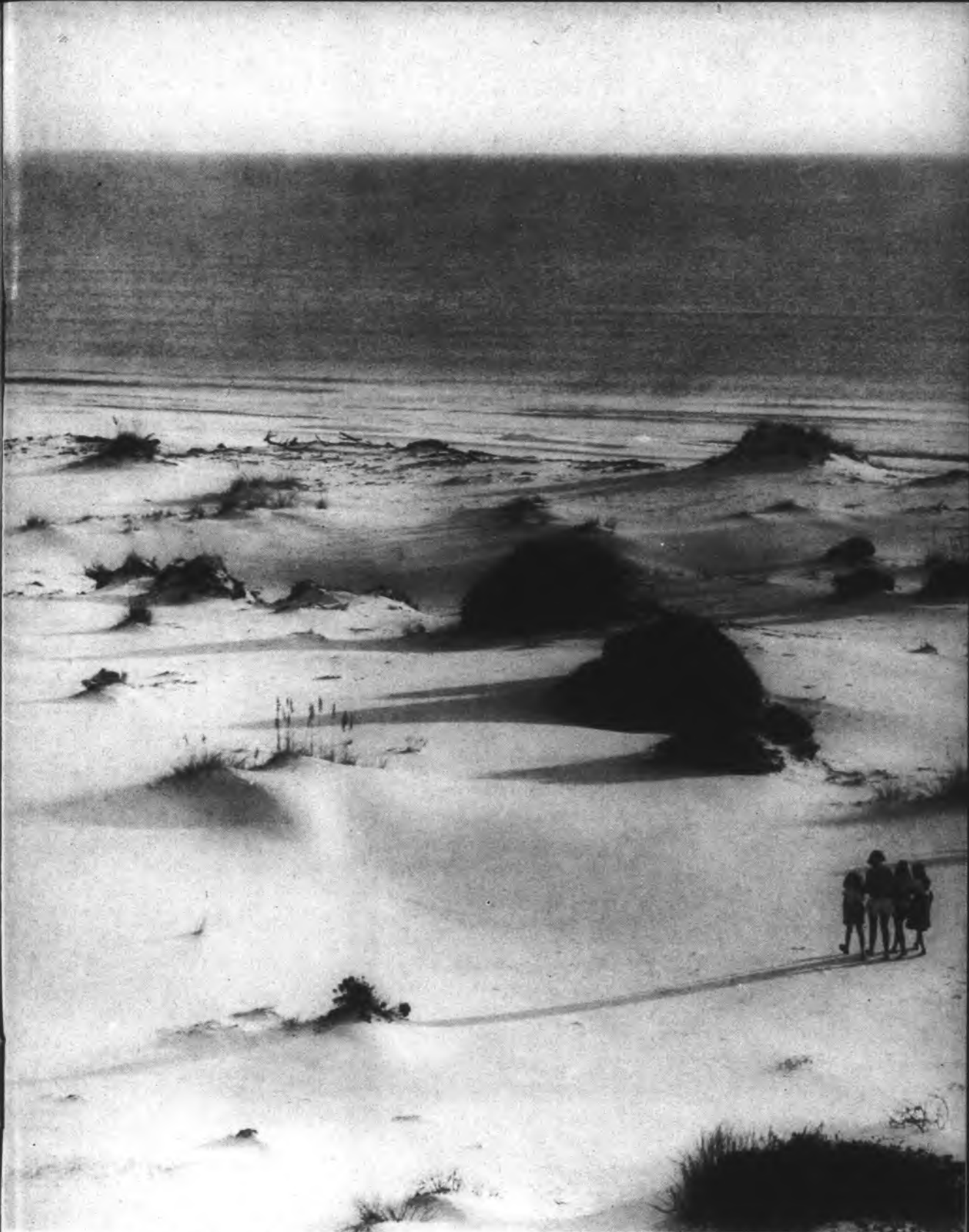
Through the aid of an anonymous grant the National Park Service examined and reported on the shoreline situation from Calais, Maine, to Brownsville, Texas.

At one time virtually all of this 3,700 mile shoreline was open to the public. Now less than 240 miles in 18 states is owned by the people as a whole.

Florida, with the longest shoreline of them all, has less than 14 miles of ocean and gulf frontage in all of its eighteen State Parks and Historic Memorial areas on or near salt water. Some of our parks have no coastal shoreline at all.

The recommendations for public use areas for Florida are clearly stated in the report, "Our Vanishing Shoreline" on page 36.

It is hoped that Florida will provide its citizens and newcomers with at least fifteen per cent of its shoreline for their use before it is developed to a point where it loses much of its natural charm.



**"Our Vanishing Shoreline."** Some more of it needs to be acquired for State Park purposes to keep it in its pristine loveliness and make it available to all ages.

To Honorable LeRoy Collins, Governor,  
and to the Members of the Legislature  
of Florida

Sirs:

It is with pleasure that the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials transmits herewith a report for the biennium July 1, 1955 — June 30, 1957.

This will, of necessity, cover the period through April 1 of the year 1957 factually and the events for the last three months will be foretold as accurately as possible.

Florida's State Parks and Historic Memorials were, as you know, acquired largely by gift. Some of them were bought at nominal prices. Only one was bought at a price approaching full market value.

We are happy to report that good progress is being made on most of our older areas. However, now we have some new areas in need of substantial development. We also are greatly in need of new areas of two types; namely seacoast areas having good beaches and other areas of outstandingly good character to take care of increasing or existing population in densely populated locations.

Although many things require your attention, it is our feeling that insofar as parks and historical memorials are concerned, these are of prime importance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials  
Dr. Kathryn Abbey Hanna, Chairman



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Superintendent Thomas W. Keegan of Anastasia State Park contributed time and talents to the acquisition, construction, publicizing and operation of this much used area. He passed this way, left his mark on historic Anastasia Island and was buried at nearby St. Augustine. He was a Navy Veteran of World War I.

## Summary

The biennium which is closing marks the "coming of age" of the Florida Park Service.

At its beginning in 1935, scarcely one person in a thousand in Florida had ever been in a State Park. Few could have given a definition of one.

However, through the years, persons of all ages have used them, enjoyed them and learned to love them.

Also, through the years, the local people particularly, as well as the out-of-state visitors, have given them their endorsement and support.

New industries, old Florida industries and old out-of-state industries searching for new locations have looked with favor on locations where State Parks and Historic Memorials are within easy reach of their officers and employees. In some cases, the presence of such a park has tipped the scales in favor of one location over another one. Older industries, and new ones too, recognize the value to them, their officers and the working forces of the educational, mental, physical and even the spiritual values of a park.

Educational and historical agencies and associations are cognizant of the on-the-ground educational opportunities to be found in parks and historical areas.

The acquaintances and friendships made in a State Park or Historic Memorial are of great value. The wealthy couple's only child may share the delightful experiences of feeding a park squirrel with a tenant farmer's youngest of five children. A lady who has been a city resident since birth may share the end of a fishing dock with a mill worker's wife and find out how to bait a hook, the name of the small fish with the yellow fin and how to cook "hush puppies." In turn, the mill worker's wife could get a lesson in first-aid, the desirability of taking polio shots and how to cut the cost of living expenses.

Florida's State Parks and Historic Memorials have been acclaimed by many state, regional and national figures as being outstanding in character, excellently operated and constantly striving to meet the needs of the local people and the many visitors to Florida. This high rating has been achieved only in the past three years.

However, regardless of how well these compliments are deserved, it is incumbent that we do not become complacent. Other states also have State Parks and Historic Memorials. Some of these areas have been in existence for many years. Many of them are beautifully developed and are well operated. Their annual patronage, in some cases, is double or triple the total population of Florida. The number of areas in some states far exceeds the number of areas we have in Florida. In size some of them far exceed the area of our largest.

### **A LOOK AHEAD**

Florida State Parks and Historic Memorials of today may not suffice for our needs and growing population a few years from now. Attendance at the parks increased by almost a half million people the first year of this biennium. The second year mark shows a similar increase. Many desirable State Park areas should be acquired at an early date. The need for publicly owned extensive beach areas was pointed up by the National Park Service's cooperative survey in the publication "Our Vanishing Shoreline."

Two desirable areas, which should be acquired for inclusion in the Florida Park system were pin-pointed. Their acquisition would be costly now, but probably would be much more costly as time goes on.

Others are also needed right now and more will be needed later. Some of our present areas have now, or will before too long, reach the saturation point in usage. Hugh Taylor Birch, Little Talbot Island, Anastasia, St. Andrews, Hillsborough River and Fort Pickens are all rapidly approaching this condition.

The museum exhibits, which are designed, constructed and installed under cooperative contract between the Florida Park Service and the Florida State Museum, are working out very satisfactorily between the agencies concerned. The resulting exhibits delight the public and aid in disseminating authentic information about the areas, the locality, the people, times and objects. This cooperative effort has attracted nationwide attention among both museum and state park circles.

### **STATE PARKS ARE STATE SUPPORTED**

Support for State Parks must, of necessity, largely come from users, local residents, out-of-state visitors, state officials and state workers and the Legislature.



The Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials, the Florida Park Service and its Director are public servants and it is their duty to, as faithfully as possible, acquire, design, construct, maintain and operate a system of State Parks and Historic Memorials. The purpose of this system is to provide these things for the use of our citizens.

The Park Service will strive to do this within the framework of the laws which govern it and the State of Florida and according to the instructions, rules and the policy laid down for it by the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials.

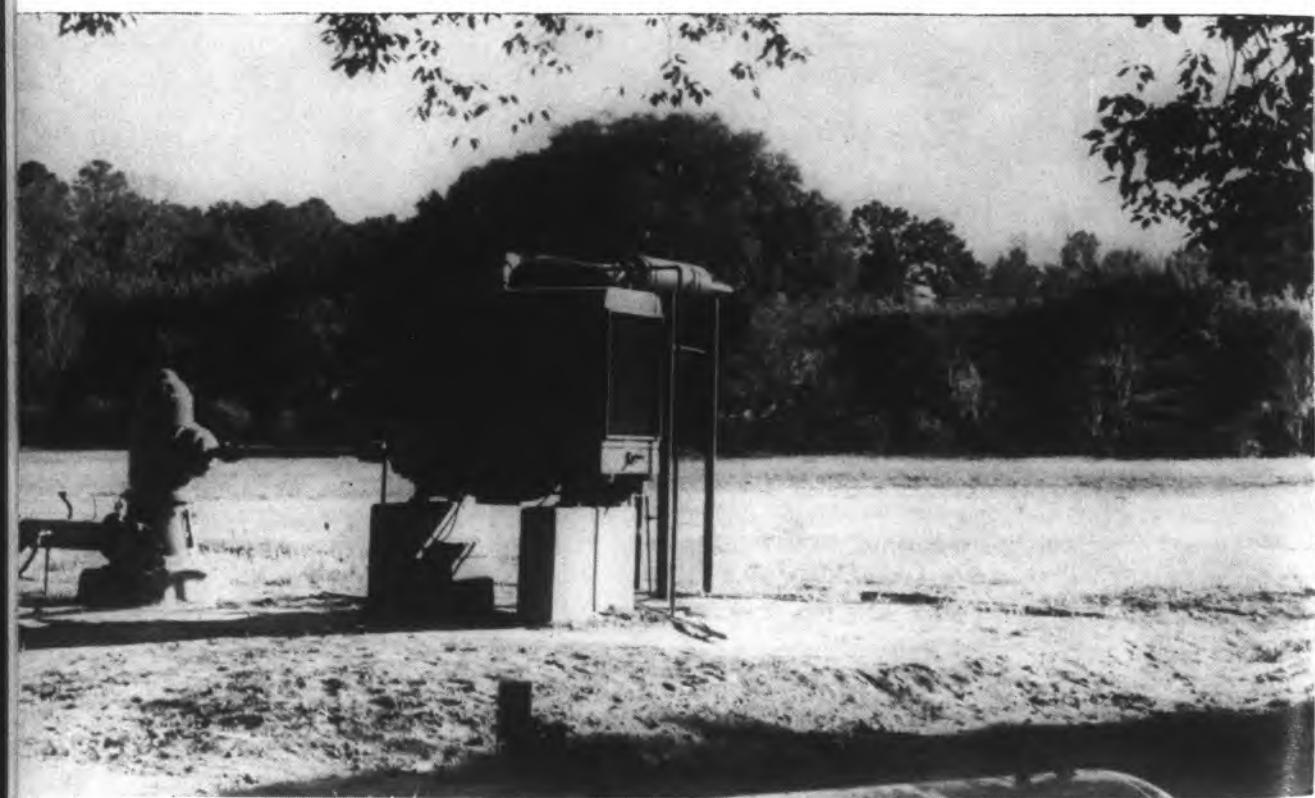
The limit of what can be accomplished is generally determined by the amount of money made available by the Legislature, which is added to the limited income obtained from within the park. However, as parks and historic areas are largely educational and recreational, income from them will always be relatively small. It must be borne in mind that the greatest benefits are derived by those who need parks the most, but are usually least able to pay for them. To keep these people away would defeat one of the basic benefits attainable by operating this popular state activity.



The moat at Fort Clinch, near Fernandina Beach. The barracks, bake shop and blacksmith shops need to be restored.



**The ground must be prepared before the structures are built. Shelter site at St. Andrews State Park, near Panama City.**



**A deep well and pumping unit installed at Killearn Gardens. Water must be provided for visitors, fire protection and, in some cases, sprinkling.**

# WHAT IS NEW IN THE STATE PARKS

(Up to April 1, 1957)

## ANASTASIA STATE PARK

Anastasia is on the Island where the Spanish killed virtually all of Ribault's shipwrecked warriors.

The rock to build nearby famous old Castillo de San Marcos was quarried here. Visitors from out of state, new residents and old residents thoroughly enjoy picnicking, swimming, boating, fishing and the scenery on Salt Run and along the Atlantic.

A ranger's residence and a much needed equipment shelter have been built and provided with water from the new deep well, which replaced shallow wells. Additional picnic facilities have been provided. A flagpole has been erected and dedicated to the memory of Thomas Keegan who did much to get the park established and as its first superintendent, looked after the initial development and operation.

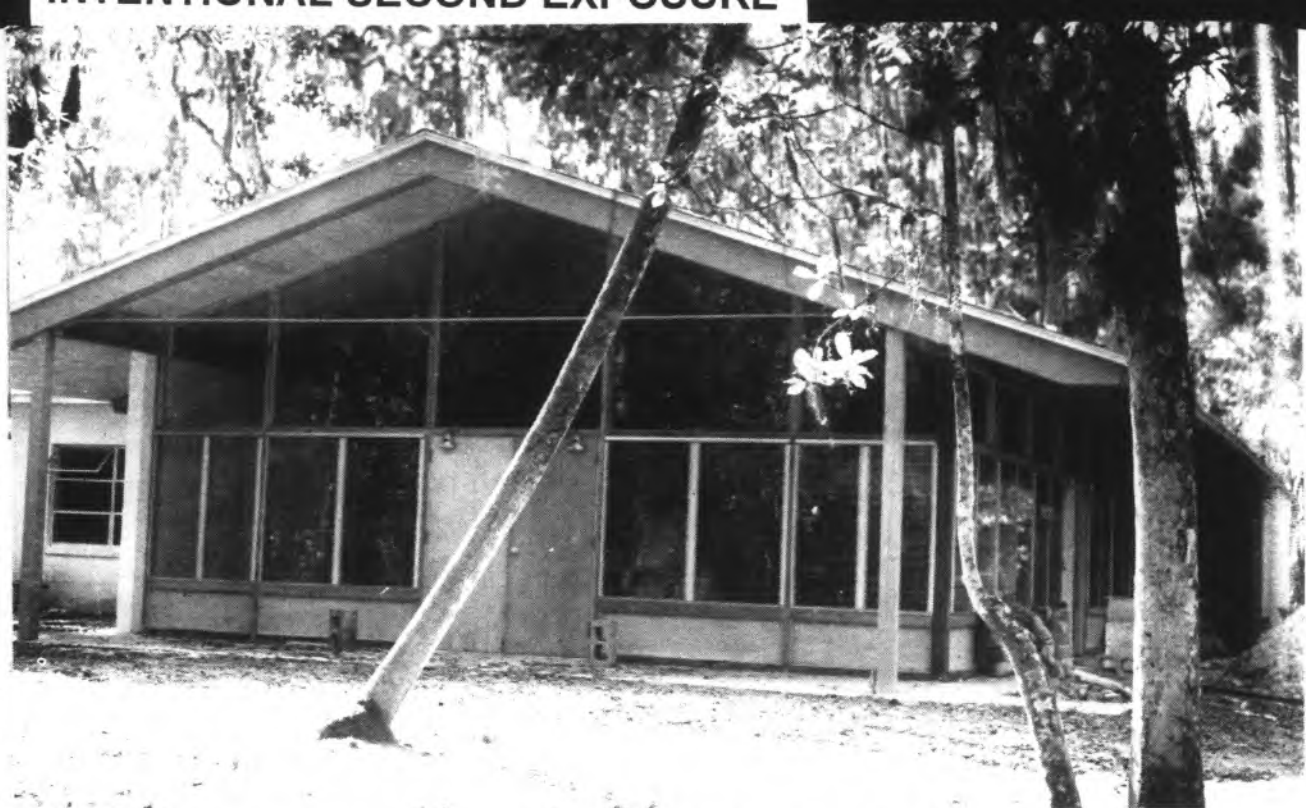
The roads into the park and to the boat ramp and parking areas were constructed and paved through the cooperation of county officials and local citizens. A boat ramp was constructed, bulkheaded and riprapped. Storm damage was repaired and planting of grass, shrubs and trees was accomplished.

Soundings were made in Salt Run to plot bottom and set up channel dredging projects for a boat channel. Delays were encountered due to frequent shifting of sands caused by heavy seas.

Anastasia needs a bathhouse-restroom-lounge and refreshment building for bathers and others who use the beach. A picnic-overlook is needed to provide more picnic room. Two picnic pavilions are needed to supplement the small covered picnic tables. Two wells and water lines are needed to provide for the proposed expansion.

A camper's rest room and a shelter is desirable to take care of the ever increasing demand of campers.

A ranger's residence is needed in order to better service and protect the park and its large number of users.



The new building at Hillsborough River State Park will provide lounge, rest rooms, an exhibit room and a refreshment counter.



The new picnic shelter on the bank of the Loxahatchee, in Jonathan Dickinson State Park, awaits the construction of the park road before it will have maximum use.



## **COLLIER-SEMINOLE STATE PARK**

An excellent combination building has been built here. This is the first structure built in the park since it was given to the State. The building is a screened open pavilion for cooking and picnicking. It also has rest rooms, showers and stationary tubs. A small water cistern is being built, but more capacity will have to be provided. The building is in almost constant use.

Lights have been provided in the camping area. The picnic and camping area has been enlarged and equipped.

The replica of the Seminole War blockhouse is now used as an exhibit room, office and rest rooms on the lower floor. It is used as the Superintendent's quarters on the upper floor. A residence is much needed. An equipment shed and workshop should be provided and additional picnic facilities could be used to advantage.

The shallow waterways in this park need dredging to make them usable at various stages of the tide. Boat launching, docking and servicing structures, if constructed, will add measurably to the fuller use and enjoyment of this park. Catwalks, if provided, will open up interesting areas to park users and put them into intimate contact with the wildlife of the neighboring Everglades, big Cypress and the nearby Gulf of Mexico. A suitable interpretive museum exhibit would portray what has happened in this locality and also portray the history and customs of the Seminoles, which can be contrasted to the life of their descendants who still reside nearby.

## **FLORIDA CAVERNS STATE PARK**

An area for picnicking and recreation has been set aside for colored people. It has been provided with tables, benches, water and first class rest rooms.

The combination lounge and administrative building has been reroofed and a much needed walk was built from the parking area to the building. Two residences have been re-roofed. An attractive entrance has been constructed on the highway.

A heavy storm damaged a structure, power lines and trees. All the repairs and clean-up work were accomplished by the park personnel.

A well and telephone were provided for the golf course and ten new picnic stoves were provided.

Signs were repaired and new ones erected both in the park and its approaches.

Among the large groups visiting the park were the Garden Clubs during their annual meeting.

The need for a ranger's residence near the entrance of the park has been a long felt need and a rangers residence nearby is also badly needed for control and protection of the park.

A picnic pavilion is needed for the colored area to make it more usable.

An equipment shelter is needed to replace several old CCC camp structures, a barbecue pit and shelter is desirable as well as a suitable structure for the golf course instructor's activities.

### **FORT CLINCH STATE PARK**

Old Fort Clinch now has a residence for a park ranger and near it is a workshop and equipment shelter. These structures were sorely needed as none had heretofore been provided. Further work was also done to remove most of the growth from the top of the ramparts. Excavations were made to restore more of the moat and restore the curtain wall rifle ports to their original height. The moat excavation, the boat ramp and the approach to it were obtained through the excellent cooperation of Fernandina Beach and Nassau County.

The new picnic area was enlarged and the old one was converted into a combination picnic area and camping area. A temporary refreshment stand was installed to serve this area and the boat ramp.

The Jetty Lodge was repaired and restored to public use for individuals and groups. The north wing was converted to use as quarters for a ranger.

The park was used as the setting for portions of a moving picture based on the life of Osceola.

The boat ramp area needs a dock, riprapping and the groins restored as well as a service building.

There is not a single covered picnic table or picnic pavilion in the park and as this is the major use, the patrons should be protected from sun and showers.

A Superintendent's residence is much needed to facilitate the administration and protection of the area.

The old soldiers' barracks is an excellent brick structure without roof, windows, doors, stairs or interior trim. It should be restored to prevent further deterioration and to make available to the public an insight of how our military men were quartered. Likewise, the smaller structures, such as the blacksmith shop and the bake shop, could well be restored. A barbecue pit and shelter are also in demand by the public.



## FORT PICKENS STATE PARK

The interesting ruins of old brick Fort Pickens had within its walls two old Rodman smooth bore cannon, which had been converted to rifled cannon after the War Between the States. Through the ever willing efforts of Mr. T. T. Wentworth, Jr., and other citizens of Pensacola, funds were raised to buy three old cannon of obviously British manufacture and one of doubtful parentage to place on the parade ground. They are temporarily mounted there pending the time when a more suitable site is definitely located at or near the spot where one of Santa Rosa's several Spanish forts was in British hands.

A portion of the approach to the Quartermaster's Wharf was removed and a walkway was built from the old ferry slip to the Wharf.

The picnic area, near Battery Worth, was underbrushed and a temporary service road was built into it. Picnic tables were built for the picnic area, and for temporary use in the casemates of the old fort and under the awnings of Batteries Cullum and Sevier.



O'Leno, near Lake City and High Springs, has a new camper's bathhouse and office built of native stone and lumber by the small park force; it urgently needs a new kitchen-dining hall.

Minor repairs were made to the old fort and the other batteries and a start was made on painting and repairing their metal components.

All of the wooden structures in the park were painted and the trim on brick buildings was painted. This brightened up the whole picture and took away the "run down" look, which had prevailed for so many years. Temporary parking areas were constructed at several locations.

Structural repairs and installations of water, lights and heat were made in many of the buildings. The rest room at Battery Van Swearingen was completed. New roofs were put on the Superintendent's quarters and on a duplex quarters.

A picnic pavilion-restroom building has been built on the Bay side, water and sewage lines have been installed and grading for a parking area has been completed.

A gatehouse, for better control of the enclosed portion of the park and for the collection of facility fees, has been built between the U. S. Coast Guard Station and Battery Langdon.

The State Road Department resurfaced the entire road from Pensacola Beach through the park right down to the Quartermaster's Wharf.

Another exhibit room was made available to display Fort Pickens items.

The use of Fort Pickens by the public is very heavy. Attendance during 1956 approached a half million people. In 1957 the half million mark will probably be passed.

The most pressing need is for additional parking areas. There are no permanent ones in the park, all of them have been improvised. Another pressing need is for rest rooms at or near each of the major features. Boat launching and docking facilities are needed to take care of the rapidly expanding number of boating enthusiasts. More picnic pavilions are needed, as well as camper's facilities and a barbecue shelter. A shelter is needed for equipment and for workshop purposes.

A combination building for administrative, public comfort, lounging and museum purposes is needed near the old Fort.

Added trained personnel is needed to investigate and properly tell the complicated history of the forts and battle of Santa Rosa Island and nearby Pensacola and its system of harbor defences dating from early Spanish times.

Much needs to be done to arrest further damage and deterioration to the interesting historical structures. Considerable work of this character is of an unseen nature, but it is vitally needed.



Collier-Seminole State Park, between Naples and Everglades, now has a new screened picnic shelter-restroom building. It is an excellent adjunct to the park.



Picnicking is the most popular activity in all Florida's State Parks. Here is a two-family picnic in magnificent Myakka River State Park.

## **GOLD HEAD BRANCH STATE PARK**

Gold Head Branch has a nice new road system cleverly built on the old CCC alignment and, in addition, a large parking area has been provided near the bathhouse. The State Road Department, the officials and citizens of Clay County and the contractor did an excellent job on this road.

A concrete stairway, with convenient landings for overlook and rest purposes, has been built to provide access to the head of the Ravine. This replaced the old CCC installation.

The bathhouse, the large picnic pavilion and a garage were reroofed and the Pebble Lake overlook pavilion was refloored.

An additional room was added to the Superintendent's quarters and repairs were made to other structures. An old temporary refreshment structure was removed for use as a blacksmith shop at the work center.

An office and refreshment building has been built near Lake Johnson. Fencing has been repaired as well as picnic facilities.

A ranger's quarters need to be provided to add to the operation and safety of the park. A workshop is needed to replace an old CCC temporary structure.

Two picnic pavilions should be built to better care for the large number of persons who enjoy this wholesome pastime. A camper's shelter is needed to better care for this rapidly increasing activity. A barbecue pit and shelter would facilitate the use of this park.

## **HIGHLANDS HAMMOCK STATE PARK**

At very popular Highlands Hammock State Park a combination office-information building is completed. Also, a new camper's rest room was put into use. A new office and Entrance Station has been constructed. Repairs were made to several residences and other structures.

The disastrous fires immediately before, during and after Easter Sunday 1956 severely damaged almost all of the park's "buffer" area and destroyed much of the growth on it. Fortunately, only a small percentage of the Hammock proper was burned. The assistance rendered in fighting this fire by local citizens, organizations, the Florida National Guard and the Florida Forest Service as well as by campers, visitors and park personnel is much appreciated by the public and the Florida Park Service.

The loss in structures was confined to destruction of a garage and damage to a workshop and fencing. Work is still



progressing in reducing the increased hazard caused by the fire and in aiding nature to cover over the scars caused by the conflagration. The cause of the fire was attributed to the burning of brush in a land clearing operation nearby.

The magnitude and difficulty of controlling it was caused by the extreme drought conditions which prevailed for several years.

Fortunately, the scars are healing at Highlands Hammock and it is restored to full use.

Restrooms for the old amphitheater are needed to replace outmoded ones and a pressure water system is needed there. An equipment shelter is needed to store equipment and a lumber shed is also needed.

The Scout area is in need of rest rooms, a water system and waste disposal. The old camp rest room should be repaired.

A small ranger's quarters need additional room and the Tower House is in need of repairs.

Two small picnic shelters are needed for picnicker's use. Highlands Hammock is very popular with nature lovers.

### **HILLSBOROUGH RIVER STATE PARK**

Hillsborough River State Park lies astride the outstandingly beautiful Hillsborough River near where Major Dade and his command crossed it on his fatal last march.

A new camping area was constructed and provided with rest rooms, water and waste disposal. Nearby at Cedar Landing a retaining wall was built. The camping area is heavily used and is in need of expansion.

A combination refreshment, rest room, lounge building is approaching completion. The old refreshment building will become a picnic shelter.

A new retaining wall has been built at the bathing area and other improvements were made. A garage and the lumber shed were reroofed and the picnic area was expanded. Now over 200 table and bench set ups are provided.

A ranger's quarters have been constructed. An old cabin is being converted into a picnic shelter.

A small tract of land has been purchased to enlarge and round out the park.

Quarters for a ranger are needed to better serve and protect the park.

Two more picnic shelters are needed now to serve the many persons, small parties and groups who delight in picnick-

ing here. Two of them are being requested and this will help out tremendously.

The camper's rest room is in need of considerable enlargement and a camper's shelter would add greatly to this popular area.

A rest room building is needed for the Scout area. A pavilion could be used to advantage to care for the Day Campers.

An equipment shelter is needed, some fences need rebuilding and the suspension bridge is in need of repairs.

Hillsborough River serves a highly concentrated population area, Tampa — St. Petersburg — Clearwater, as well as many fair size and smaller localities and a pretty large rural population. It is also much in use by school and other educational groups as it is ideal from a botanical and zoological viewpoint.

### **HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH STATE PARK**

This much used and thoroughly enjoyed gift from the late Hugh Taylor Birch is right in the City of Fort Lauderdale. A plaque has been erected to commemorate the giving of this lovely area to the State.

A fence has been put around the Group Camp and other improvements and additional equipment have been provided. An addition was made to the refreshment building and a craft shelter was built for the Group Camp. A barbecue pit and shelter was built. Drinking fountains and picnic tables and stoves were installed. Picnicking is very popular at this park.

A loop scenic road was built and surfaced within the park by the State Road Department. Drainage fields had to be provided for the shower building.

A sprinkler system is needed to keep this park looking fresh inasmuch as use is great and wear and tear soon shows up. An additional pavilion is needed to round out the picnic restroom structure. Two new camper's cottages are needed for the Group Camp. Dressing and shower rooms are badly needed. A porch at the refreshment pavilion should be enclosed.

A storage building is needed for boats and canoes. The garage apartment is in need of enlargement. The ever increasing need for picnic tables should be met by providing at least twenty extra sets.

The high use at this park makes it imperative that all the facilities mentioned be provided to better serve the public and properly protect the park.





**A new camper's rest room at Manatee Springs State Park, near Chiefland. Similar ones recently built at Gold Head Branch, Hillsborough River and Myakka River State Parks are already inadequate.**



**New picnic shelter at Tomoka State Park, near Ormond Beach, helps take care of large numbers of picnickers. However, here and elsewhere, many shelters are needed.**

## JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK

The picnic shelter-restroom building and the boat docks on the Loxahatchee River were completed and put into use. However, until the park road from the railroad in the eastern part of the park to the River is surfaced, these facilities will have only limited use.

Martin County cooperated splendidly in the matter of clearing and installing used culverts and in grading the road. Now it awaits surfacing. When this is done, the River may be reached and Kitchen Creek will be more accessible to the park. This will open up one of the finest areas in the park.

Picnic tables and outdoor grills were obtained and a number of table-bench sets were made from salvaged materials.

Considerable progress was made in trimming up and cutting back trees to enable picnickers and campers to use the area east of the railroad. Landscaping was done around the Loxahatchee picnic area.

The old furnace building at the headquarters area has been converted into a rest room for picnickers, campers and park visitors.

Roadside clearing and entrance clearing has been necessary to restrain the Australian "Pine" from taking over completely in places. However, only those which had to be taken out were removed. Many were just in need of trimming of the lower branches.

A limited amount of fencing has been done. A water line and well were installed to provide water for the Loxahatchee Picnic Area.

The gatehouse, office, gate, well and residence have been delayed, awaiting construction of the new entrance road. However, this road has now been built and the construction, will begin immediately.

A ranger's residence is very urgently needed in order to help protect the property and properly administer it. Only temporary "bachelor" type quarters are now available in old war structures.

A picnic pavilion, barbecue pit and shelter and a camper's rest room and shelter are all needed to take care of the greatly increasing number of visitors who wish to use this area. Another well, pump and water lines to supply these structures will, of course, have to be provided to make them usable.

Fence rebuilding is an urgent need for the protection of the area. A boat ramp is needed to serve the ever increasing number of inboard and outboard boaters who cruise the beautifully tree and shrub bordered waters of the River. Scenic boats periodically carry many people up this River.

Fortunately, the repair and conversion of the old Camp Murphy school building has provided the park with a commodious combination warehouse, workshop and vehicle storage building.

Even though the park has no ocean frontage, it can be made into one of the most interesting and highly used parks in Florida because of its lakes and the River.

### **KILLEARN GARDENS STATE PARK**

Florida's priceless Killearn Gardens are loved and visited by tourists and visitors from neighboring states and new and old residents of Florida.

The water level in Lake Hall has been going down for several years as is also happening to all Florida lakes where the three year drought still prevails. It was necessary to provide a new source of water for sprinkling purposes so a large well and pumping unit were installed, which takes care of the present needs and it will also allow for some expansion. The best news about Killearn is that, through the cooperation of the State Road Department, County officials and the people of Leon County, the road into the park and parking areas have been built and paved.

Repairs were made to the Superintendent's residence and minor structures. A water line was installed to the Garden gatehouse. The Garden gatehouse is now in use and it is a great convenience to visitors and park personnel.

The picnic pavilion-restroom building for the picnic area is being advertised for bids and should be completed in time for use by late summer. The water supply system for it and the picnic area has been provided previously. The picnic area tables and outdoors stoves are on hand and will be put in place after underbrushing and grading of the picnic area are accomplished.

The park needs a residence for a white ranger and one for a colored ranger in order to help protect and operate the park.

The park sprinkler system needs to be expanded to take care of an expansion of the planted area in the Gardens. This expansion is highly desirable to tie in the present planting to the new parking area and the buffer area between the Gardens proper and the picnic area.

A sunken garden is desired to take advantage of the opportunity to portray this type of gardening to the visitors.

Two picnic pavilions are needed as well as a barbecue pit and shelter to round out the picnic area. A small boat ramp is needed to take care of boat launching needs.

"The Charm of Killearn" is more than a phrase. It is something everyone feels and talks about after their first and every other visit.

### **LITTLE TALBOT ISLAND STATE PARK**

A picnic shelter was built in the white area and one was built in the colored area. A workshop and a ranger's residence are nearing completion.

A water system was installed and sanitary facilities provided at the ranger's quarters.

General repairs and painting on this exposed island constantly require a considerable amount of attention.

Stabilization of sand, grading, hauling shell, planting and fertilization to picnic and other areas was done during this biennium.

A combination bathhouse, lounge, refreshment stand and rest rooms is badly needed at the white area to replace the temporary structures now there. The water supply system is in need of enlargement.

The need for shade and shelter is urgent here so six additional shelters would help relieve this situation.

Two residences are needed to quarter park rangers so that the area may be better protected and served.

A park office and headquarters building is needed to administer this area as well as several nearby dependent areas such as Kingsley Planation Houses, Yellow Bluff Fort, John Rollins Bird and Plant Sanctuary and Huguenot Memorial.

A fishing pier at the white area and one at the colored area would add measurably to the use and enjoyment of both of these areas. It would also spread a considerable amount of use over late fall, winter and early spring months.





**The gateman gives information and collects fees at this new gatehouse-office building at Highlands Hammock, near Sebring.**



**New ranger houses have been provided for Fort Clinch, Little Talbot, Anastasia, Dade, Olustee, Hillsborough, St. Andrews, Manatee and Gamble Mansion. This one is at Anastasia.**



## MANATEE SPRINGS STATE PARK

This major Florida spring, just 1,100 feet from the Suwannee River, has been used since time immemorial by the Indians, early travelers, settlers and local residents. Its development as a State Park has made it available to everyone.

The Superintendent's quarters have been completed and are in use. A boardwalk boat dock structure has been built. It will allow pedestrians easy access to the broad and beautiful Suwannee. It will also serve the pleasure boatmen for docking purposes. An entrance and gatehouse have also been built, largely to obtain better control of the area which is being fenced.

A nice picnic shelter and picnic area have been built and a camper's rest room-shower building is now in use.

Fortunately, through the cooperation of Levy County and the State Road Department, the road from U. S. 19-98, just north of Chiefland, into the park has been paved. A small extension and paving of the parking area will suffice to make this park easily accessible.

A water system has been provided for the quarters, gatehouse, picnic and camping area. Waste disposal systems were also installed and extended.

Five thousand pines were planted to fill in the forest and insect control measures were taken to combat beetles.

The bathhouse needs to be enlarged in order to serve the larger numbers of people who love to bathe in the clear cool waters below the "Boil." Another picnic shelter is needed to provide protection for visitors and a barbecue pit and shelter is also needed.

Camping shelters are needed in the camping area, and in the Scout area rest rooms need to be provided. Additional land should be acquired by purchase to enlarge and round out the area and to make desirable use of the area available.

The walkway-boat dock is in need of enlargement along the Suwannee River. A combination workshop-equipment storage building is much needed.



**Day campers' shelter gives children protection against both rain and sun. This one is at Hillsborough River State Park, near Zephyrhills, Plant City, Lakeland and Tampa.**



**The new Lounge Building at Gold Head Branch State Park, between Middleburg and Keystone Heights, has rest rooms and a refreshment room.**

## MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK

Extensive Myakka River, noted for its vast throngs of aquatic water fowl and great abundance and variety of upland birds as well as many deer and smaller native wild animals, is known throughout the nation.

The camping area was further improved by the installation of a water system and power was provided for lights and pumping of water.

The picnic facilities were repaired and both facilities and areas were enlarged. The cabins and older restrooms were reroofed. The cabins were freshened up by painting and electric refrigerators were installed. Repairs were made to various structures, service facilities were extended and water hyacinths were sprayed, using the new air-boat. Almost a quarter million pines have been planted in the park during this season.

A temporary earth dam was constructed on the Lower Lake. New natural history exhibits were constructed; also, implements used by early settlers were placed on display. Fighting woods fires and fire pre-suppression efforts constitute a sizeable, but necessary, part of the work at the park.

A north gatehouse, two ranger's residences and a refreshment building are in the process of being built at the present time.

Myakka needs quarters for another ranger to reside in the park to better service and protect it, particularly from fire.

Two picnic pavilions are needed to take care of the large number of local and winter visitors who use this park extensively for this purpose.

A camper's shelter and a rest room are needed at the Upper Lake. A barbecue pit and shelter is highly desirable.

An equipment shelter is needed, the office needs enlargement and a limited amount of fencing should be installed.

## O'LENO STATE PARK

O'Leno, loved by thousands of young folks, many of whom have become adults, has been the training ground for numerous and diverse groups.

An excellent rest room, the first new structure in many years to be built in the park, was built and put to use. It replaced an outmoded structure. Now a combination office and entrance is being built.

Much time was spent by the small staff in making repairs to the aging structures in this park and in replacing and installing equipment.

The picnic and camping area was enlarged, repaired and many new features were installed. Painting of several structures added to the appearance of the park.

Water lines were extended to the Scout area and the site of the new office.

Extensive painting and repainting was done, largely indoors, throughout the park.

A new cook's range, refrigerator and boiler were installed. A truck shelter was built as well as a portable tool house.

O'Leno is sorely in need of a new dining hall for the Group Camp. The present one is out of date and presents constant operating problems. A restroom-bathhouse building is very badly needed to replace the poorly designed and constructed one built during the early days of the Group Camp. This restroom is the one usually assigned to the girls or ladies when mixed groups are using the camp. Six additional sleeping cabins are needed in order to provide more quarters and to extend the camping season for smaller groups.

A recreation building is also needed for leisure time use and for lecture and instruction purposes.

Efforts are now underway to have the entrance road to the park paved and this should double the visitation by persons wishing to picnic, camp and stroll along the beautiful Sante Fe River and see where it goes underground for a distance of three miles.

### **PELLICER CREEK STATE PARK**

This beautiful area, given to the State by Mr. Hiram Faver of St. Augustine as a memorial to his parents, is being made usable as a park.

The well has been driven and the boat dock, shelter and rest rooms are nearing completion. Picnic tables and picnic stoves have been purchased. A pump is being installed.

St. Johns County and the State Road Department are cooperating in the plans for the construction and paving of the park road.

The park entrance will be off busy U. S. No. 1, just north of the Pellicer Creek bridge. The creek is navigable for small boats to the Intracoastal Waterway in the Matanzas River. It is also usable upstream for a short distance.

Other improvements needed are a ranger's residence and a water system for it, a picnic shelter and rest rooms, fences, a truck, tools and equipment. A boat ramp is also needed.

A small amount of land is needed to round out the park area.

It is anticipated that this area will be very popular with both local folks, the traveling public and winter visitors.

### **ST. ANDREWS STATE PARK**

The State Road Department, in cooperation with Bay County, built good roads down to the new white bathhouse and to the identically new bathhouse in the colored area. The County also cooperated in the matter of providing temporary parking areas. However, one of the great needs of the park is for more parking areas and the surfacing of all such areas.

Picnic shelters have been built at both areas and sand stabilization has been partially accomplished around the structures in both these areas and at the Group Camp.

Further work was done on the Group Camp and a parking area was built there. Picnic tables were built and put in place. A group camp shelter has been built.

Walks and outside showers for bathers were built. A park telephone system was installed.

A ranger's residence has been completed as well as a permanent gatehouse just inside the new entrance.

A boardwalk has been built from the white bathhouse to the very popular Gun Mount Picnic Shelter.

Quite fortunately, 21.64 acres of land was acquired from the United States Government for inclusion in the park. This addition will now provide elbow room for the Group Camp and will enable desirable features to be added to the park on the Grand Lagoon side.

This park is finding high use by local residents, tourists and residents of nearby states. Its use is increasing very rapidly and much needed facilities should be provided to take care of this demand.

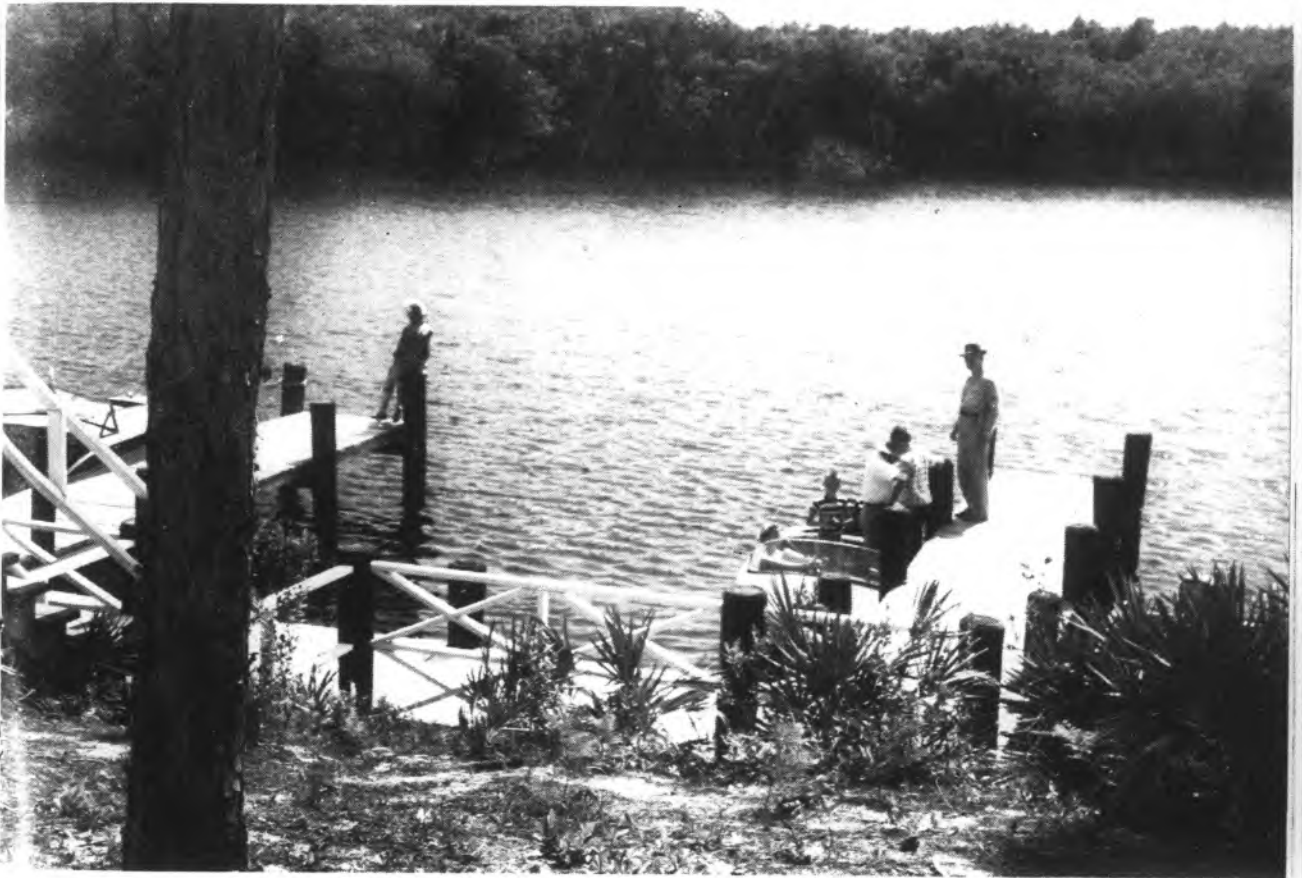


Shade and shelter are needed, therefore, four picnic shelters should be built and 75 covered table and bench shelters would help out greatly. A garage and workshop building is needed to protect the equipment and provide a place to work. A ranger's residence would enable the personnel to better serve the park.

A camper's restroom building is needed for the newly acquired area as well as a shelter. A day camper's rest room and shelter is needed for the large number of children who use this park for this purpose.

A fence from the Gulf to the Lagoon is needed as well as a suction pump on a scow for dredging and cleaning purposes.

St. Andrews has an outstanding combination of dunes, water and sky, which is hard to beat and draws many people from neighboring states into Florida.



A double dock on the scenic Loxahatchee gives inboard and outboard boatmen use of the western end of Jonathan Dickinson State Park. The paving of the park road would make it available to all.

## **SUWANNEE RIVER STATE PARK**

The old camp house of late Senator Sid Hinely, located within the Civil War fortification, was reroofed and repaired to make a temporary residence for the park ranger.

Picnic tables and two types of outdoor stoves were installed near the two picnic shelters.

The picnic area-fortification area were fenced. A parking area, entrance road and gates were constructed. The picnic and camping areas were brushed out and many years accumulation of trash and rubbish were cleaned up. The view to the River was opened up for a quarter of a mile and the bank was cleaned up. Also, a water system and pump house were built.

A permanent residence for the ranger is needed to properly house him. Also, the old camp house should be removed in order that visitors may have access to the old fortification, which was the objective of the Federals who were stopped at the Battle of Olustee. An equipment shelter and workshop is needed as well as a water system for the residence-work area.

Two additional picnic pavilions are desired to take care of the large family groups who picnic here. A barbecue pit and shelter would add much to the convenience of this very popular area.

A boat ramp is needed to enable the devotees of this excellent pastime to launch and reload their boats. A camper's shelter and rest rooms are also needed as well as a foot bridge across the beautiful wooded ravine near the picnic area.

## **TOMOKA STATE PARK**

The ranger's residence was partially reroofed, the pump-house was roofed and an old building was dismantled. Picnic tables and outdoor stoves were erected and underbrushing was done to enlarge the use areas in both the white and colored areas. Water and electric lines were installed.

A new picnic shelter near the entrance was built, a gate-house was constructed, which will also serve as the park office until one is provided.

The reflecting pool for the Tomokie statuary group was built and put in operation. It adds greatly to the whole setting and is a nice addition to the park. The statuary group was given another coat of waterproofing and minor changes were made to add to its permanence.



**Dr. John Gorrie stands proudly among the nation's great men and women in the United States Capitol Building. The new museum at Apalachicola will soon house exhibits interpreting his life, deeds and contemporary history.**

The new boat basin has been cleared, a boat ramp has been built, parking areas have been constructed and the docks are under construction. Additional tables and benches and stoves have been ordered to fill the great demand for these facilities in the White area particularly. Lightning rods have been installed on the statuary group.

One of the greatest needs of the park is for quarters for the park personnel to better manage, operate and protect the area.

Two additional picnic pavilions are urgently needed and a barbecue pit and shelter would facilitate greatly the use of the area.

A day camp shelter and rest room is needed for the use of the children, mainly.

A service, rest room and shelter building is needed to complete the boat basin. A boat launching ramp would find much use at the colored area.



**This newly designed barbecue shelter was built at Dade Battlefield, near Bushnell. One has been built at Torreya, near Bristol and Greensboro. Many other parks need them.**

A camper's rest room should be provided in the camping area and fencing is needed to control and protect the park.

The Volusia County Health Department's dredging activities have made available for use a large area of the Park, which was formerly only bordered by marshes. Now a nice canal suitable for small boating and other aquatic activities is available right in the park, which increases the already fine opportunities Nature supplied with the Tomoka River and Basin and the Halifax River.

The high use of this park attests to the great regard visitors have for it.



**The Kingsley House at the Kingsley Plantation, near Fort George and Mayport, has been extensively repaired. The nearby Anna Jai house has been repaired also.**



## TORREYA STATE PARK

The pump house, garage and the garage-workshop were repaired and painted. Repairs were made to the old barracks to convert it for group camping use. A new pump house was built at the barracks well.

The vista to the Apalachicola was reopened and now the River and the house are tied together visually. This also opened the view to take in many miles in Calhoun County and Jackson County and makes the Gregory House visible from these counties. Progress was also made in freeing many Torreya trees from vines, which were strangling them and from competing and overtopping trees and shrubs. However, much more of this sanitation cutting needs to be done to give the trees a chance.

A room was partitioned off in the pump house to provide a place for food and drink dispensing machines.

The old telephone line was dismantled and a new one is being constructed. Clearing for fence changes and new fencing was done and the area surrounding the Gregory House was opened up for fire protection, better visibility and better air drainage.

The State Road Department and Liberty County have built and surfaced the road from Florida No. 12 right into the park and have also constructed and surfaced a parking area at the new picnic grounds.

A barbecue pit and shelter have been built at the picnic grounds and additional tables, benches and stoves have been provided.

Some unsuitable furnishings have been removed from the Gregory House and contemporary antiques have been obtained to round out the ante-bellum theme.

A ranger's residence is badly needed here as the small one in use is a converted farm house of limited use.

A rest room and a shelter for campers is highly desirable to take care of the many people who would like to camp here.

Also, in order to provide group camp facilities to augment the refurbished CCC Barracks, rest rooms and a kitchen are needed.

Another picnic pavilion should be built and two trailside rest shelters are needed for those who like to climb these high hills and who love the large pine and hardwood trees and the shrubs and flowers in this park.



**At Tomoka State Park a boat basin, dock and ramp are completed. Boating facilities are needed at Suwannee River, Torreya, St. Andrews, Fort Pickens, Fort Clinch and elsewhere.**



**The new pavilion-museum building at historic Bulow houses an interesting exhibit.**

A gate house is needed at the entrance. Boating on the Apalachicola is greatly on the increase and the park can be made a port of call if a boat basin and dock are constructed. The Jim Woodruff Lake will aid greatly in the matter of increasing boating on the river.

An equipment shelter and shop is needed to house equipment and to make repairs.

Last, but far from least, additional carefully selected items are needed in the Gregory House to replace a few unsuitable items and to add those things which will make it more closely resemble a home. A good start has been made along these lines, but more needs to be accomplished.

Torreya has an almost "mountain country" charm and an ante-bellum air that is unbeatable. Botanically it is world famous. People come from far away and from nearby to see and enjoy this place, which wins the heart of almost any visitor.



**At Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, in Fort Lauderdale, canoeing is popular. A boat-house is needed for canoe storage and rentals.**

# **WHAT IS NEW IN THE HISTORIC MEMORIALS**

(Up to April 1, 1957)

## **THE ADDISON BLOCKHOUSE**

This interesting little structure was part of the Duncan McRae group of plantation structures. It was used, together with an earthwork, in the defence against an Indian attack during the Seminole War.

At the present time, it is not very accessible. Custody of it is entrusted to the personnel of Tomoka State Park, which is nearby.

## **BULOW PLANTATION RUINS**

Old Bulow Plantation Ruins have been marked with an explanatory sign and minor repairs were made. A loop road has been cleared to it and parking areas cleared at the Ruins and the pavilion. An excellent combination screened picnic pavilion-rest room building has been erected. In it is a small office room, a tool and storage room.

However, one end of the building is provided with a very informative and well done interpretive exhibit designed, constructed and installed under contract by the Florida State Museum.

Electric power was installed and a water system provided. Picnic tables and outdoor stoves were provided for a picnic area, which had been prepared.

The area is in need of fencing to keep out livestock. Further repairs to the ruins are necessary to arrest further dilapidation. An equipment shelter and workshop are essential to protect and maintain equipment. A suitable flagpole would add greatly to the area and a truck is needed for maintenance purposes and the acquisition of other equipment is highly desirable.

The road into this historic spot is in need of relocation and repair.

## **DADE BATTLEFIELD**

Several old buildings were torn down inasmuch as the new recreation building and the new picnic pavilion provided similar, but more modern facilities. It has been equipped and is extensively used.

The old museum-recreation lodge is being replaced by a new commodious museum structure. An interpretive exhibit, designed, built and installed under cooperative contract with the Florida State Museum, will be in place prior to the usual July 4 celebration. Also, a ranger's residence has been constructed to replace the inadequate one. A new location for it was selected in order to make it more convenient for family occupancy and also to move it further from the center of the visitor's area. Near it a garage-workshop has been built to house the equipment and to make repairs.

A large barbecue pit and shelter has been built. The markers commemorating the officers who died here have been repaired and repainted. The bandstand roof was rebuilt; a new backstop was constructed at the ball field. The Gatling gun wheels and mounts were repaired and painted. The picnic area was enlarged and the new work area was underbrushed.

This Memorial is in need of a storage addition to the recreational building and it should also have two more picnic pavilions to take care of the public as this is a very popular area for large family picnics, group picnics and family reunions.

## **GAMBLE MANSION**

**(Judah P. Benjamin)**

The recently refurbished and reopened Gamble Mansion now has a new flagpole on the west side. It also has a residence for the Custodian, which is better from a personnel viewpoint, and also from a fire protection viewpoint. The public also is not now intruding into personal living quarters anywhere they go into the historic old structure.

The tract has been surveyed to establish the boundaries and for other purposes. Additional display cases are being built and a room has been set aside and equipped for an office for the Custodian.

There is no need for any new structures here at the present time.



## **DR. JOHN GORRIE**

Work has been done on landscaping, grading, filling and repair of low walls around the four small areas comprising this Memorial. Through the cooperation of the City and local people, the library building has been moved to another spot. A museum building is nearing completion. An exhibit is being designed, constructed and will be erected by the State Museum, under contract with the Florida Park Service. The remains of Dr. Gorrie are to be moved to one of the areas where a memorial is being erected.

Additional boundary walls to mark off the four plots are needed to finish the area.

## **GREEN MOUND**

A sign designating this mound as an archaeological site and requesting the aid of the public in preserving it has been erected. No further development of this area is contemplated at the present time. It receives periodic maintenance by a work detail from Tomoka State Park.

However, the visiting public must be relied upon for both sanitation and protection of the area.

## **HUGUENOT LANDING**

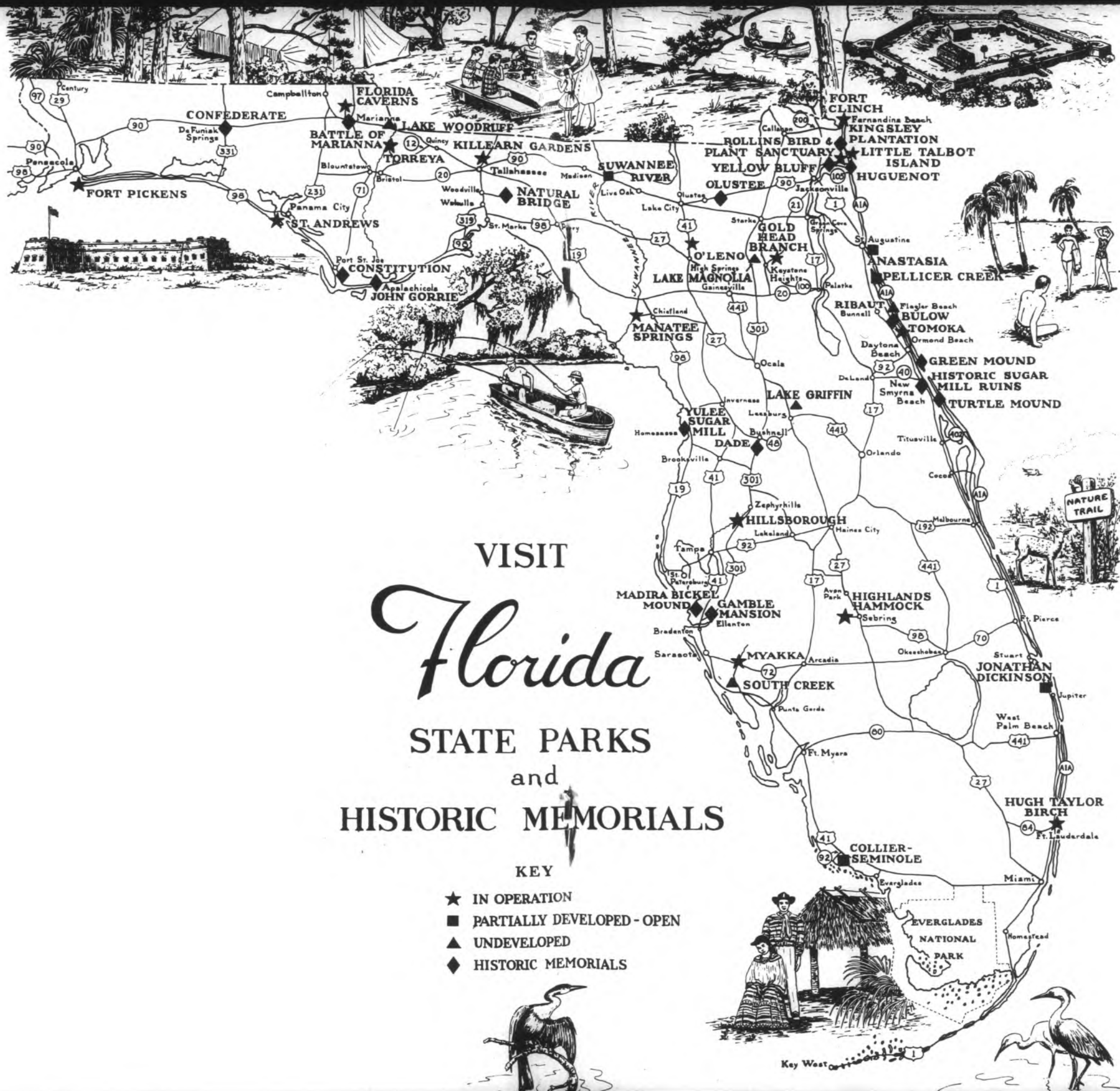
This scenic and historic spot is a great favorite with both local people and many visitors. A boat ramp is under construction to enable visitors to launch and reload their boats. It is being built just north of the Buccaneer Trial.

A picnic shelter is also under construction and tables and outdoor fire places will be installed.

In view of the large population in this portion of the state and the many tourists here, it is anticipated that a combination pavilion-restroom building is needed. A ranger's residence is necessary to administer and protect the area.

Two wells would supply the water needs and a combination garage and workshop is desirable inasmuch as this area is in a windswept coastal location.

A flagpole is highly desirable as well as a limited amount of fencing. A simple entrance with a contact station are needed. A truck is essential for clean-up and maintenance of the area.



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## **KINGSLEY PLANTATION**

An old cottage was renovated and repaired to house a ranger and another old cottage was repaired for use of a park workman.

The historic Anna Jai House was reroofed, repaired and painted. However, the interior has not been restored.

The Kingsley House has been repaired and made structurally sound. Work on the exterior and interior has proceeded as far as the limited funds available would permit.

The Club House has been repaired and painted on the outside and some needed work has been done on the interior.

Good progress has been made on the repairs. Additional funds are needed in order to complete the renovation and restoration of the buildings. However, the amount needed is not large.

Public rest rooms are needed for the visitors. An addition is needed to the ranger's residence.

An interpretive exhibit is needed for this area. A well and a pump, water heater, mower and truck are essential for the proper operation of this beautiful and interesting area, which is intimately tied in with Florida's varied history.

## **MADIRA BICKEL MOUND**

This archaeological area is marked as such and it receives periodic maintenance from a work detail from Myakka River State Park. However, the assistance of the visiting public must be largely relied upon for both sanitation and protection of the area.

## **NATURAL BRIDGE BATTLEFIELD**

The two brick cemented monuments with marble tablets have been repaired and painted. The large granite monument has been cleaned. Trash cans have been provided and the public is cooperating in helping the part-time custodian (whose pay is nominal) to keep the area clean and to avoid damage to the monuments and the area. Picnic table tops and benches were painted.

A new well has been drilled, outdoor stoves have been obtained and three covered picnic tables are under construction. New fencing for a portion of the area will follow shortly.

A descriptive sign and a schematic map will help the out-of-state visitors interpret the area and will also aid local residents in better understanding what took place here.

The greatest need of this naturally beautiful and historically interesting area is for the State to acquire enough area to the east to take in the Natural Bridge and also the area to the north and south to encompass the entire battlefield.

At the present time, all that is owned is the monument area on the north side of the road and a small plot on the south side, which fortunately, the U.D.C. acquired and donated to the State.

### **NEW SMYRNA SUGAR MILL**

A well was drilled and the Ranger's residence was painted. Minor repairs were made to the ruins.

A new fence and gates are needed to protect the area. A water heater is needed for the Ranger's residence.

These ruins are tied in with the Seminole War and are quite scenic. The layout of this sugar mill is very similar to the one at Bulow. However, in some respects they more fully portray the arrangement for making sugar inasmuch as some of the kettle foundations are still in place.

### **OLUSTEE BATTLEFIELD**

The interpretive exhibit was designed, prepared and installed under contract with the Florida State Museum. The old caretaker's house was removed. Signs were done over. A small parking area was built. The museum was appropriately dedicated.

The addition of a garage and a storeroom completed the caretaker's new house. An addition was made to the sprinkler system.

A rest room addition for colored people is needed as well as a storage room for the museum.

### **ORMOND TOMB**

A new sign has been provided to mark this spot. Maintenance is periodically provided by a work detail from nearby Tomoka State Park. However, the cooperation of the public is relied upon for the sanitation and protection of this small area.

### **ROLLINS BIRD AND PLANT SANCTUARY**

A carport was built at the caretaker's house and the driveway was shelled.

A well, pump and tank are needed to serve this area. An equipment shed and workshop is also needed. A new fence and gates are needed at the interesting Muncillia house.



## **STATE CONSTITUTION**

The interpretive exhibits were installed in the museum building. Walks were laid and landscaping accomplished. Through the cooperation of the City of Port St. Joe and the State Road Department, a parking area was built and a service-way built to the storeroom. An excellent flag pole was donated and erected. The office furnishings and equipment were completed.

The museum was appropriately dedicated with a large attendance. The City of Port St. Joe and Gulf County were the hosts at a fish fry and also provided daytime activities and night dances. Among the various speakers was Governor Collins.

A picnic area will be developed as soon as title to the land is acquired. Meanwhile, picnic tables and stoves have been acquired. The picnic area calls for rest rooms, shelter, drinking fountains, barbecue pit and shelters.

In addition, two picnic shelters will be needed as well as minor park facilities.

## **TURTLE MOUND**

Land surveys have been made to determine and mark the boundaries of this beautiful archaeological site. A sign, designating it as such and asking the cooperation of the public, has been erected. Inasmuch as no caretaker is provided, the public has to be relied upon for the protection and sanitation of the area. A small camp house on the area has been repaired for use of a neighbor in exchange for his part-time services for protection only.

A ranger's residence with a water system is needed. Fencing is also desirable. A small combination museum-pavilion-rest-room building is needed; as well as an interpretive museum to portray the archaeological and historical story of the area.

This is said to be the highest Indian Mound along the entire Atlantic Coast. The ocean beach and bluff here are much used. The ocean beach and the Inlet are quite scenic, if viewed either from the ground or the top of the high hill-like Mound. The plant and tree growth on the Mound is very interesting and varied. Fishing, picnicking and boating are very popular here.

## **YELLOW BLUFF FORT**

A map shelter will be built here to aid visitors in a better understanding of this Memorial. It will be completed prior to July.



## YULEE MILL

A part time caretaker has been put on duty to look after this small area. It has been kept up heretofore periodically by a work detail from Hillsborough River State Park. Considerable work has been done in making the area easier to mow and to obtain a better surface for the footing of visitors.

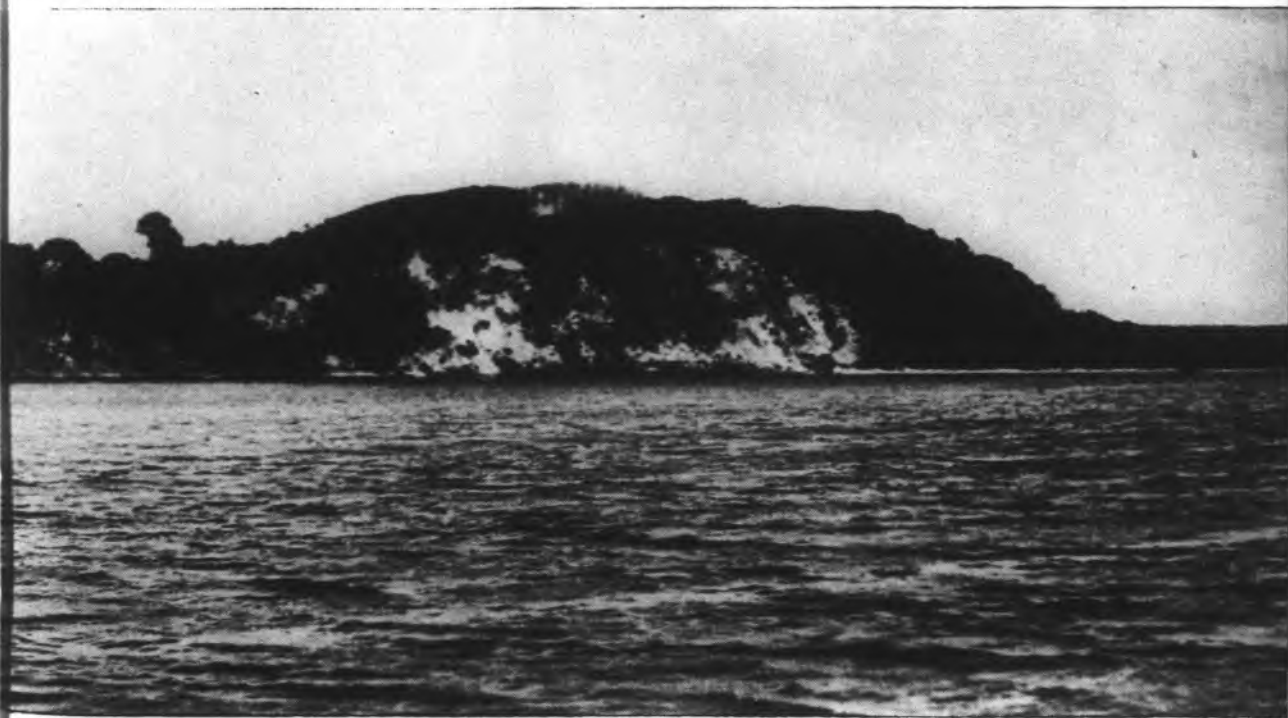
The masonry of the huge chimney and the boiler covering have been repaired.

This sugar mill has its boiler in place, its roller press nearly intact and has some of the boiling kettles. It is more complete than any other sugar mill in State ownership.

The Citrus County Federation of Womens Clubs rendered the State a signal service by acquiring by donation, and preserving this area; particularly because Yulee was Florida's first United States Senator, a pioneer railroad builder, a noted industrialist and an outstanding figure in Florida's early history.

A picnic shelter is to be constructed when minor title technicalities are cleared away. Additional repairs are needed to the ruins, fencing is needed as well as maintenance equipment.

This area is right in quaint Old Homosassa and not far from the beautiful river of the same name.



**Huge Turtle Mound has Atlantic Ocean on one side and natural lagoon on other. It is just a short distance south of the City of New Smyrna Beach.**

## **NEW AND UNDEVELOPED AREAS**

### **LAKE GRIFFIN STATE PARK**

Additional land must be acquired in order to round out the area made available by the State. Also, dredging is needed to deepen a portion of the area as well as to provide fill for a low portion of the area.

Development of this area has not been started and it must await the appropriation of funds for the land and dredging.

### **MAGNOLIA LAKE STATE PARK (For Colored People Only)**

There is a pressing need for additional areas for the exclusive use of our Colored people. An area of much merit is obtainable from the old Camp Blanding Reservation by lease from the Florida Armory Board.

It is on the west side of Florida Highway No. 21, approximately three and one-half miles south of Gold Head Branch State Park and two and one-half miles north of Keystone Heights.

The proposed area embraces 3,000 feet frontage on Lake Magnolia and extends to the highway. It covers approximately 200 acres.

In order to make it available for full use, it should have an entrance and gate house, fencing, a picnic shelter, a combination restroom-pavilion, boat docks, ranger's residence, water system and a garage-workshop building. A truck, tractor, mower and a resuscitator should be provided. A flagpole would be desirable at this park.

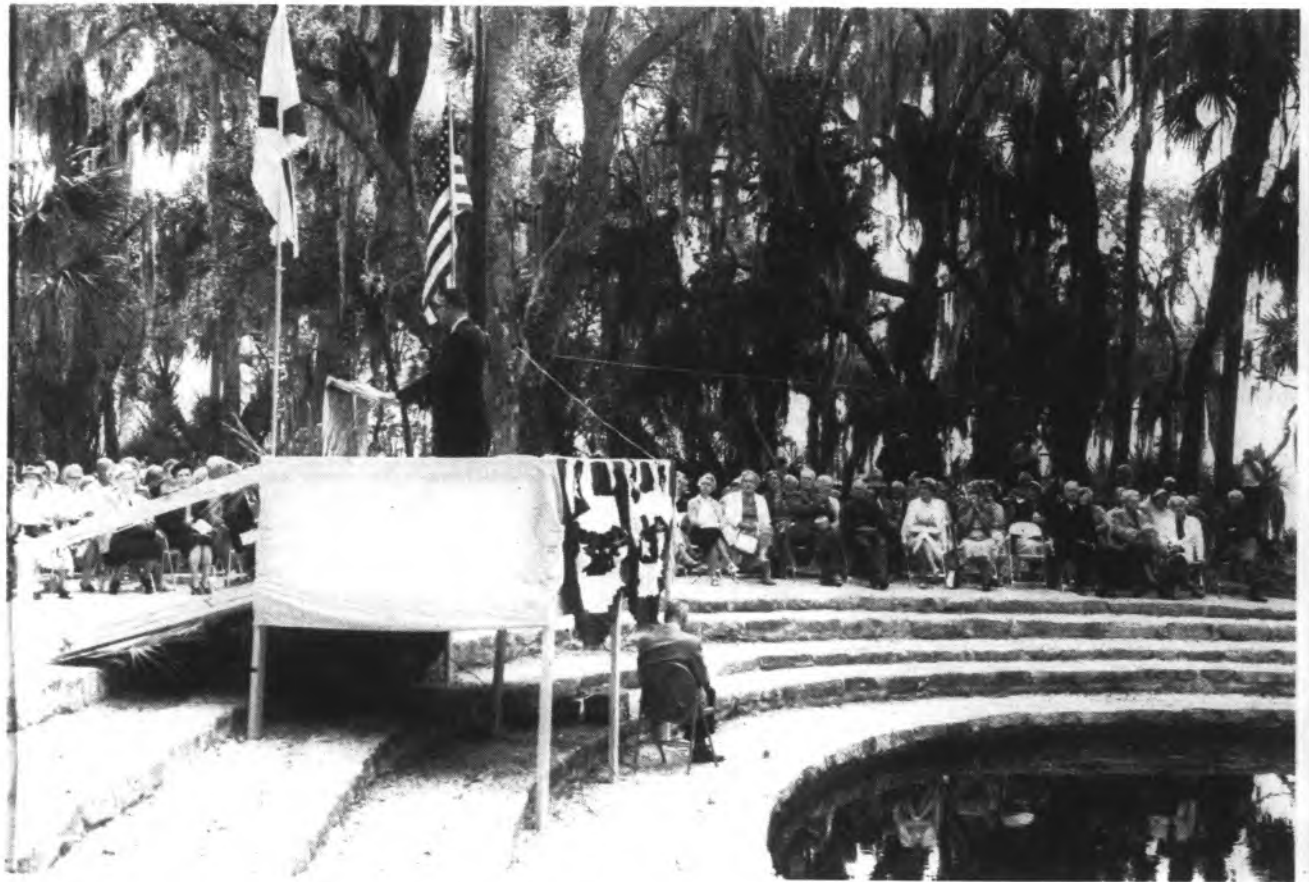
### **RIBAULT BEACH STATE PARK**

At Flager Beach, on A1A, just south of the City, is this park site. This valuable and highly desirable beach and bluff was obtained at no cost from the Federal Government. It was the old Coast Guard Station. It consists of 139.27 acres extending into the area west of the Intracoastal Waterway. It will serve splendidly as a seashore park and also give public beach access to the many persons visiting nearby historical sites and other areas not on the ocean front. It will also serve well local residents.

A ranger's residence, well, pump and water system are needed. A picnic pavilion with rest rooms is necessary. A boat ramp is highly desirable to enable the devotees of this sport to use the Waterway.

A garage and workshop are needed to properly operate the park and protect equipment at this exposed location. Fencing, an entrance, picnic tables, outdoor stoves and other equipment will be needed.

This area will have high use inasmuch as the Buccaneer Trail traverses it. Florida is fortunate in possessing this desirable area and it should be put to use for the general public at an early date.



**Dedication of "Tomokie" statuary group at Tomoka State Park. Other ceremonies were held at Bulow, State Constitution, Olustee, Fort Clinch, Fort Pickens, Gorrie, Anastasia, Killearn Gardens, Dade and Natural Bridge.**

## **SOUTH CREEK STATE PARK**

This area lies east of the Tamiami Trail and on both sides of South Creek and extending to just east of the Seaboard Air-line Railway. It was bequeathed to the State by Mrs. Waters F. Burrows for use as a State Park. It comprises 487.66 acres.

In order to make this area usable by the public, a picnic pavilion with rest rooms is needed as well as a water supply and distribution system. An equipment shelter and workshop as well as fencing, an entrance and gate house are needed.

A day camp shelter and rest rooms are desirable and playground equipment is needed. Picnic tables and outdoors fireplaces should be provided. Of course, access roads and parking areas will also be needed. A truck, tractor and mowers will be needed to operate and maintain the park.

This area is located between Osprey and Venice. It should be used extensively by the increasing large population along this portion of peninsular Florida as well as by the large number of visitors who travel the popular Tamiami Trail.

## **WOODRUFF LAKE STATE PARK**

The United States Corps of Engineers and the Government have cooperated in making two areas available to Florida for State Park use. They total 686 acres. These areas are on the west side of the lake, formed by the Jim Woodruff Dam. One for white use is located a little over two miles upstream from the dam. It is due north of Sneads.

It has approximately two and a half miles of lake frontage. Just north of it is a Game Management Area. The Game Management Area extends northward for approximately four miles.

Adjoining the Game Management Area, on the north, is another area, which has been made available to the Florida Park Service. This area will be used for colored people.

Mowers, a tractor and a truck and miscellaneous equipment will be needed to operate and maintain these areas.

Each area can be developed into an excellent State Park and will serve not merely local people, but also many out-of-state visitors and the general traveling public.

Each area will need rangers' residences, wells, pumps and water systems, two picnic pavilions, combination rest room, refreshment and lounge buildings.

In addition, the colored area should be fenced and an entrance built, playground equipment provided and boat docks and ramp installed.

The white area will need a headquarters building, boat launching facilities, campers' rest rooms and shelters, an equipment shelter and workshop and fencing.

Boating, fishing, picnicking, nature trails, hiking and camping will be major activities at these parks. Boating will be one of the major activities on this large body of impounded water. Also, upstream the Chattahoochee and the Flint Rivers provide boating opportunities. Below the Dam, to the Gulf on the Apalachicola, both the inboard and outboard enthusiasts will have excellent boating opportunities. The Lake should also appeal to the sailing devotees as it is large enough to be desirable for this activity.

The State Road Department's assistance will be needed to provide access roads and parking areas.

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**Day campers receive swimming instructions. It is generally carried out cooperatively by city recreation workers, civic clubs and the parks. This is at St. Andrews State Park at Panama City.**





**New type signs make it easier for the public to find State Parks and Historic Memorials. They are easy to make, erect and maintain.**

## INFORMATION SERVICES

The press, writers, magazines, church, civic, trade and association publications, chambers of commerce, radio and television all have contributed to the publicizing of Florida's State Parks and Historic Memorials. Likewise, merchants, oil companies, hotels, motels, tourist homes, travel associations and agencies and many of Florida's attractions have aided in directing people to our parks.

The service clubs, Garden Clubs, Federated Womens Clubs, patriotic organizations and educators have all cooperated well in this work.

State agencies such as the Florida Development Commission, through its main office and the excellent Welcome and Information Stations, did an outstanding job in publicizing the areas.

The State Road Department, the State Department of Agriculture and the Florida Forest Service cooperated well in publicizing them. In fact, all facets of state, county and municipal government have been very helpful in many ways in advancing state parks and historic memorials.

The Botanist, headquartered at Highlands Hammock, made flower, shrub and tree lists for a number of parks and made a master list for all of them, which will be used in connection with an expanded labeling program. The Botanist also placed many tree and plant labels in a number of parks and made, corrected and added items to the herbarium and slide collection. Cooperation was also rendered to the Blanche Covington Conservation Camp held at O'Leno.

Cooperation was rendered and park personnel attended the Florida Park Institute at O'Leno State Park, operated in conjunction with the Florida Institute of Park Executives, the General Extension Division of the University of Florida and other agencies.

Fire protection schools for park personnel were held at O'Leno and Highlands Hammock. The cooperation of the Florida Forest Service in providing equipment, demonstrators and films was excellent. The Sebring Fire Department conducted that portion of the school relating to structure fires. A historical guides school was conducted at Fort Pickens.

Selected personnel attended the annual Park Personnel Short Course at the University of Mississippi, conducted in cooperation with the Association of Southeastern State Park Directors and various Southern State Park Services.



The Florida State Museum cooperates in designing, constructing and erecting interpretive museum exhibits. Upper left, State Constitution at Port St. Joe; center, State Museum Preparator at work; right, Bulow Ruins near Bushnell and Flagler Beach; bottom left, Olustee Battlefied Museum; right, Bulow Ruins Museum.

## PUBLICATIONS

During the biennium three revised editions of the general folders, "Florida's State Parks Invite You," were printed and distributed throughout the United States, Canada and many foreign countries. Folders and historical leaflets were compiled, printed and distributed on Fort Pickens, Killearn Gardens, Florida Caverns, Dade Battlefield, Tomoka and Gamble Mansion. Also, three editions of the Rate and Information leaflet were gotten out. The Olustee Battlefield publication was revised and republished in cooperation with the author, Dr. Mark F. Boyd.

Guide maps were made, revised or remade. Many of these were distributed both through the parks and historic memorials and to fill requests for information. Many special items were made up for the parks for their distribution and use.

Slides and photographs were taken in large numbers and added to the files for state use and for loan to individuals and agencies, who can use them to better understand or to publicize the parks. Cooperation was extended the Winter Park Garden Club in collecting, labeling slides and in compiling an accompanying talk on sets of slides depicting spring wild flowers, mainly in State Parks. Mrs. Wilhelmina Greene, Miss Carol Beck and the Botany Department of the University of Florida aided this project greatly in supplying slides, information and much hard work. The slides and talk are available at a number of State Parks for showing in the park or for use elsewhere.

A poster "State Park Good Manners" was developed, printed and used to good advantage in many places.

News items were prepared and distributed covering many items, activities and happenings. Many reporters, feature writers and editors wrote about the areas at every opportunity. Happily, the articles and the illustrations were, with few exceptions, quite complimentary.

## EXHIBITS

Through the cooperation of the Fair Associations and the Managers some excellent publicity was obtained through the medium of fair exhibits.

During 1955-1956 exhibits were on display at the places listed:

West Florida Fair — Pensacola  
State Federation Women's Clubs — Tallahassee  
Daytona Beach Flower Show — Daytona Beach  
State Flower Show — Ocala  
Sarasota Fair — Sarasota  
Jackson County Fair — Marianna

During 1956-57 showings were made as follows:

National Association of Travel Organizations —  
Ormond Beach  
West Florida Fair — Pensacola  
Jackson County Fair — Marianna  
Leon County Fair — Tallahassee  
Jacksonville Fair — Jacksonville  
Palm Beach County Fair — West Palm Beach  
Florida State Fair — Tampa  
Sarasota Fair — Sarasota

## INVESTIGATIONS AND RESEARCH

Excellent cooperation was obtained from Dr. Mark F. Boyd of Tallahassee, Brigadier General Russell C. Langdon of New York, the Florida Historical Society, the U.D.C., National Archives, the National Park Service, the Florida State Museum, the Smithsonian Institution, the educational institutions, the U. S. Navy, the U. S. Army, the National Guard Association, the Florida Audubon Society, the Seaboard Air Line Railway and many individuals and organizations.

The Florida State Library has been outstandingly helpful in furnishing information, books, papers and pictures. The Librarian and her assistants contributed much by their generous aid and interest.



## NEW HIGHWAY SIGNS

The shop at Gold Head Branch continued the production of routed letter wood signs, which are so appropriate in State Parks and at Historic Memorials.

In addition, the making of metal highway signs was inaugurated and now many of them guide highway travelers to the areas. They are much easier to read than the old type signs and they also conform closely to signs erected by the State Road Department. They are easy to install, maintain and replace.

In some cases, too many signs are placed within a park and this tendency has to be curbed or the visitors feel they are being restricted too closely.

## ROADS AND PARKING AREAS

Great progress has been made during the past two years in the matter of Counties in which the Parks and Historic Memorials are situated, providing roads and parking areas.

County Commissioners have cooperated well and the State Road Department has responded excellently wherever considerable local interest was shown in filling the needs.

Some of our older areas now have good access and park roads. Gold Head Branch and Torreya now have good roads. The road from Pensacola Beach to the Quartermaster's Wharf at Fort Pickens has been resurfaced. However, it is greatly in need of stabilization of the shoulders, parking turnouts and parking areas.

The excellently laid out and constructed loop road in Highlands Hammock State Park is badly in need of resurfacing. A short stretch in Collier-Seminole should have a top coat.

Jonathan Dickinson will not have heavy use except during dry weather until the graded road to the lovely Loxahatchee is surfaced. Old O'Leno, the camping **Alma Mater** of thousands of Florida youngsters throughout almost a quarter century, has a road which is sub-standard. Hillsborough, with all of its magical charm, needs a top coat to keep the dust off the vegetation and out of the eyes and lungs of both young and old.

Myakka, majestically large and nationally famous for both its upland and aquatic wildlife, would benefit greatly if its well laid out system of park roads were surfaced.

Pellicer Creek will not have very heavy use when it opens soon unless one can reach it over a paved road from U. S. No. 1.



**Kitchen Creek, in Jonathan Dickinson State Park, is hard to reach at present. It is very beautiful.**

A new entrance and a short stretch of surfacing would do wonders for already popular Suwannee River State Park between Madison and Live Oak.

Florida has many nice parks with adequate parking areas. However, at some of them there is not sufficient or satisfactory parking space.

Fort Pickens is woefully short. St. Andrews is too. Killearn Gardens has just been supplied. Tomoka will need added areas. Turtle Mound needs them now.

In sandy areas, where parking areas are inadequate, many local residents and a large number of out-of-state visitors get stuck in the sand. Naturally, this experience is annoying, exhausting and quite expensive for the motorist. It is also time consuming for the park personnel as, whenever possible, they render assistance.

The table which follows indicates the conditions and needs for roads, surfacing and parking areas.

# STATE PARK ROAD AND PARKING AREAS—CONDITIONS AND NEEDS

Park	Road to Park	Park Roads	New Roads Needed	Needed Parking Areas
Anastasia	Excellent			Yes
Collier-Seminole	Excellent	¾ mile surfacing		Yes
Florida Caverns	Excellent	Resurfacing	2 miles	
Fort Clinch	Excellent	Resurfacing	350 lin. ft.	Yes
Fort Pickens	Excellent	½ mile needs top coat	¼ Mile Negro area. One mile picnic, beach area	Yes
Gold Head Branch	Excellent	Excellent		
Highlands Hammock	Excellent	Resurfacing needed		Yes
Hillsborough River	Excellent	Needs surfacing 2½ miles	To camp area ¾ mile	Yes
Hugh Taylor Birch	Excellent	Excellent		Yes
Jonathan Dickinson	Excellent	Surfacing	3½ miles-Graded	Yes
Killearn Gardens	Excellent	Excellent		
Kingsley Plantation	Fair-needs surfacing	Needs surfacing	1/5 mile	Yes
Little Talbot Island	Excellent	Excellent		Yes
Manatee Springs	Excellent	Surfacing	¼ mile	Yes
Myakka River	Being re-built-bad	4½ miles needs surfacing	3½ miles access from north	Yes
O'Leno	Excellent	2 miles surfacing needed		Yes
Pellicer Creek	Graded	None	1½ miles needed	Yes
Tomoka	Excellent	2 miles needs surfacing		Yes
Torreya	Excellent	Excellent		
St. Andrews	Excellent	Excellent		Yes
Suwannee River	Excellent	¼ mile-Surfacing	2 miles & Entrance	Yes
South Creek	Excellent	None	½ mile needed	Yes

## HISTORIC MEMORIALS — ROADS AND PARKING AREAS

Park	Road to Park	Park Roads	New Roads Needed	Parking Areas Needed
Addison Blockhouse .....	None .....	None .....	Grade and shell 1 mile .....	None - 10-car .....
Battle of Marianna .....	Excellent .....	None .....	None .....	City - None .....
Bulow Ruins .....	Needed .....	1.2 miles-Surface .....	None .....	Yes .....
Dade Battlefield .....	Excellent .....	Resurface 3,500 lin. ft. ....	None .....	Yes .....
DeFuniak Confederate Monument .....	Excellent .....	None .....	None .....	City - None .....
Gamble Mansion .....	Excellent .....	None .....	None .....	Adequate .....
Gorrie .....	Excellent .....	None .....	None .....	City - None .....
Green Mound .....	Excellent .....	None .....	None .....	None .....
Huguenot .....	Excellent .....	None .....	½ mile .....	Yes .....
Madira Bickel Mound .....	Excellent .....	None .....	None .....	5-Car .....
Natural Bridge Battlefield .....	Excellent .....	None .....	1-10 mile .....	None .....
New Smyrna Sugar Mill .....	Good .....	1-8 Mile-Surfacing .....	None .....	10-Car .....
Olustee Battlefield .....	Excellent .....	Surfacing 1-10 mile .....	None .....	None .....
Ormond's Tomb .....	Excellent .....	None .....	None .....	None .....
Ribault .....	Excellent .....	None .....	½ mile .....	Yes .....
State Constitution .....	Excellent .....	Excellent .....	None .....	Surface .....
Turtle Mound .....	Good .....	None .....	None .....	30-Car .....
Yellow Bluff .....	Excellent .....	None .....	None .....	Adequate .....
Yulee Mill .....	Excellent .....	None .....	None .....	City - None .....

## **FISCAL ACTIVITIES**

The financial statement which follows shows where the money came from and how it has been used during this biennium.

Although the Legislature, by the appropriations made for Parks and Historic Memorials, had in mind that certain things could be accomplished, this was not the case.

It immediately became evident that amounts appropriated in 1955 lacked 100 per cent purchasing power in 1956 and this has also held true for 1957.

Therefore, in order to spread the funds as far as possible, in many cases, planned facilities had to be reduced in either size or scope and other economies had to be practiced.

### **Space And Help Needed**

The matter of insufficient space and poor office arrangement hampered the efficiency of the fiscal work. For the better part of the biennium it had to be carried on in two rooms. New quarters have provided this activity with four nice rooms, affording suitable separation of the various activities.

Field inventories, audits, fiscal control and fiscal training in the field have not kept pace with the expansion of the park system. This can only be rectified by providing additional help, some of which would be used in working in the field from the Tallahassee Office.

Considerable improvement has been made in the matter of speeding up the payment of accounts. However, here, too, the lack of sufficient personnel slows up this work.

Economies are affected by purchasing state-wide many items which are used. However, in many cases it is more advantageous and economical to make certain purchases in the vicinity of the area where the item or service will be used.

Lack of suitable storage space in or near the office and lack of a messenger consumes a considerable amount of time. The matter of storage space will be corrected as soon as some nearby space becomes available. The employment of a messenger will, of course, depend on the wishes of the Legislature.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1954 — June 30, 1955

## FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURES

Trust	Amounts	Sub-Totals
Cash Balance 6-30-54		\$ 58,435.19
Receipts-Mdse. for Resale	\$ 78,741.21	
Receipts-Other	79,101.61	
Receipts-State & Federal Taxes	2,932.52	
Receipts-Transfers	27.35	
Receipts-Donations	5.00	160,807.69
Total Available		219,242.88
Less Cash Balance Forwarded 6-30-55		56,165.85
Net Available in Trust 1954-55		163,077.03
<b>Trust Fund</b>		
Salaries	7,182.25	
Expense	102,095.00	
3% Comptroller	4,567.29	
Capital Outlay	68,416.75	
Killearn Gardens Mortgage	11,939.17	194,200.46
<b>General Revenue Appropriations</b>		
Salaries	271,783.88	
Expenses	152,086.00	
Capital Outlay	195,339.26	619,209.14
Difference in Estimated Capital		
Outlay Balance & Estimated Balance		755.74
Grand Total Available		814,165.34

## FUNDS EXPENDED

<b>All Funds</b>		
Salaries	278,185.32	
Wages	63,959.75	
Professional Services	3,498.39	
Contractual Services	67,364.81	
Materials and Supplies	49,901.13	
Current Charges & Obligations	18,665.99	
Capital Outlay	207,807.20	
Debt Service	11,600.00	
Non-operating	50,606.88	751,589.47
<b>Reserves and Balances</b>		
<b>General Revenue</b>		
Salaries	780.81	
Expenses	4.17	
Capital Outlay	3.35	788.33
<b>Trust Fund</b>		
Salaries	.....	
Expenses	353.83	
Capital Outlay	8,808.94	
Killearn Gardens Mortgage	339.17	9,501.94
Outstanding Encumbrances		51,529.86
Difference in Estimated Capital		
Outlay Balance & Actual Balance		755.74
Total Reserves and Balances		62,575.87
<b>GRAND TOTAL, EXPENDITURES, RESERVES AND BALANCES</b>		\$ 814,165.34

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1955 — June 30, 1956

## FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURES

<b>Trust</b>		
Cash Balance 6-30-54		\$ 56,165.85
Receipts-Mdse. for Resale	\$ 96,659.62	
Receipts-Other	132,750.74	
Receipts-State and Federal Taxes	3,474.11	
Transfers	14.42	
Refunds	26.95	232,925.84
Total Available		289,091.69
Less Cash Balance Forwarded 6-30-56		119,879.99
Net available in Trust 1955-56		169,213.70
<b>Trust Fund</b>		
Salaries		
Expenses	173,775.00	
3% Comptroller	5,635.00	
Capital Outlay	39,790.00	
Refunds	163.10	
Killearn Gardens Mortgage	11,566.16	230,929.26
<b>General Revenue Appropriations</b>		
Salaries	323,702.00	
Expenses	150,000.00	
Capital Outlay	66,295.00	
Emergency Fund	15,000.00	554,997.00
Less Emergency Fund Balance		366.16
Less Comptroller's 3% Refund		100.00
Grand Total Available		785,460.10

## FUNDS EXPENDED

<b>All Funds</b>		
Salaries	311,463.25	
Wages	80,350.59	
Professional Services	4,011.41	
Contractual Services	71,359.58	
Materials and Supplies	59,663.51	
Current Charges & Obligations	12,016.29	
Capital Outlay	88,138.39	
Debt Service	11,200.00	
Non-operating	70,459.98	708,663.00
<b>Reserves and Balances</b>		
<b>General Revenue</b>		
Salaries	12,238.75	
Expense	109.82	
Capital Outlay	.38	
Emergency Fund	14,396.75	26,745.70
<b>Trust Fund</b>		
Salaries		
Expense	31,343.15	
Capital Outlay	18,549.48	
Comptroller's 3%	258.77	
Killearn Gardens Mortgage	366.16	50,517.56
Less Difference in Fund & Statements		466.16
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES, RESERVES AND BALANCES</b>		\$ 785,460.10

## THE 1957-1959 BUDGET

The request for funds for the consideration of the 1957 Legislature was made after a careful study of the needs of the various State Parks and Historic Memorials. It is felt that although not much expansion of activities can be attained if these amounts are appropriated, the existing parks can be satisfactorily operated, a few of the undeveloped areas can be partially developed and work can be started on several newly acquired areas.

However, this will, in all probability, only provide for our present population and visitors. To take care of our increasing permanent and visiting population, additional areas should be obtained. Many of them will have to be purchased.

### BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE 1957 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE

(Summary of Proposed Expenditures for Salaries, Expenses, and Operating Capital Outlay, For the Biennium 1957-59)

Fund	Requested Fiscal Year 1957-58	Requested Fiscal Year 1957-59	Total Fiscal Year Biennium 1958-59
<b>General Revenue Fund</b>			
General Appropriation Act:			
Salaries	\$ 484,920.00	\$ 558,276.00	\$ 1,043,096.00
Expenses	255,000.00	250,000.00	505,000.00
Operating Capital Outlay	94,832.00	62,150.00	156,982.00
Total General Revenue Appropriations	834,752.00	870,426.00	1,705,178.00
<b>Trust Funds</b>			
1. State Park Fund, Chapter 25353			
Salaries	.....	.....	.....
Expenses	179,338.00	221,036.00	400,374.00
Operating Capital Outlay	96,008.00	40,330.00	136,338.00
Total State Park Fund			
2. Killearn Garden Trust Fund	275,346.00	261,366.00	536,712.00
Resolution of State Budget Commission Dated 3-31-53			
Expenses	10,400.00		10,400.00
Total Killearn Garden Trust Fund	10,400.00		10,400.00
<b>Total Trust Funds</b>	285,746.00	261,366.00	547,112.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	\$ 1,120,498.00	\$ 1,131,792.00	\$ 2,252,290.00
<b>Recapitulation-All Funds</b>			
Salaries	484,920.00	558,276.00	1,043,196.00
Expenses	444,738.00	471,036.00	915,774.00
Operating Capital Outlay	190,840.00	102,480.00	293,320.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	\$ 1,120,498.00	\$ 1,131,792.00	\$ 2,252,290.00

**LEGISLATURE BUDGET**  
**FOR THE 1957 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE**

Priority	Designation	Total Estimated Cost
<b>ANASTASIA STATE PARK</b>		
1.	Bathhouse & Combination	\$ 49,600.00
2.	2 Well, Pump & Water Lines	3,900.00
3.	Camping Rest Room	13,650.00
4.	Overlook Rest Room	15,800.00
5.	2 Picnic Pavilions	16,000.00
6.	Other Park Facilities	3,600.00
7.	Rangers Residence	13,800.00
8.	Campers Shelter	3,200.00
<b>COLLIER-SEMINOLE STATE PARK</b>		
1.	Catwalks	10,000.00
2.	Rangers Residence	15,000.00
3.	Dredging Waterways	60,000.00
4.	Water Supply	5,000.00
5.	Boat Dock	10,000.00
6.	Boat Dock Building	26,500.00
7.	Equipment Shed & Workshop	15,850.00
8.	Picnic Tables	1,350.00
<b>RIBAUT STATE PARK</b>		
1.	Ranger Residence	13,800.00
2.	Well, Pump & Tank & Water Lines	7,000.00
3.	Rest Room & Pavilion	15,500.00
4.	Other Park Facilities	8,200.00
5.	Fence & Entrance	8,000.00
6.	Garage & Shop	11,800.00
7.	Boat Ramp	5,000.00
<b>FLORIDA CAVERNS STATE PARK</b>		
1.	Ranger Residence	13,800.00
2.	Golf Pro. Shop	5,000.00
3.	Barbecue Pit Shelter	3,000.00
4.	Equipment Shelter & Shop	15,850.00
5.	Ranger Residence	13,800.00
6.	Picnic Pavilion	8,000.00
7.	Pressure Water Tank	500.00
8.	Other Park Facilities	1,200.00

### **FORT CLINCH STATE PARK**

1.	Rework Boat Ramp & Dock	8,000.00
2.	Boat Ramp Concession	9,000.00
3.	Picnic Pavilion	8,000.00
4.	Ranger Residence	13,800.00
5.	Other Park Facilities	1,600.00
6.	Barbecue Pit & Shelter	3,000.00
7.	Barracks Reconstruction	50,000.00

### **FORT PICKENS STATE PARK**

1.	Fort Combination Building	47,300.00
2.	Campers Rest Room	13,650.00
3.	Picnic Pavilions, 2 each	16,000.00
4.	Barbecue Pit & Shelter	3,000.00
5.	Equipment Shelter & Shop	15,850.00
6.	Boat Launching Ramp	5,000.00
7.	Other Park Facilities	3,400.00
8.	Campers Shelter	2,000.00

### **GOLD HEAD BRANCH STATE PARK**

1.	Workshop	6,500.00
2.	Ranger Residence	13,800.00
3.	2 Picnic Pavilions	16,000.00
4.	Metal Pressure Tank	4,000.00
5.	Campers Shelter	2,000.00
6.	Fence-Rebuild	2,000.00
7.	Swimming Docks, rebuild	2,500.00
8.	Addition Ranger House	2,500.00
9.	Other Park Facilities	3,000.00
10.	Barbecue Pit & Shelter	3,000.00

### **HIGHLANDS HAMMOCK STATE PARK**

1.	Amphitheatre Rest Room	3,840.00
2.	Pressure Tank, Amphitheatre	1,500.00
3.	Other Park Facilities	3,750.00
4.	Equipment Shelter	8,750.00
5.	Scout Camp Rest Room	3,800.00
6.	Scout Camp, Well, Pump & Tank	2,000.00
7.	Addition Ranger Residence	3,500.00
8.	2 Campers Shelters	4,000.00
9.	Repairs Tower House	4,000.00
10.	Lumber Shed	1,200.00
11.	Repairs Trailer Camp Rest Room	1,000.00



### **HILLSBOROUGH RIVER STATE PARK**

1.	Scout Camp Rest Room	3,840.00
2.	Ranger Residence	13,800.00
3.	2-Picnic Pavilions	16,000.00
4.	Other Park Facilities	3,600.00
5.	Equipment Shelter	8,750.00
6.	Enlarge Campers Rest Room	5,000.00
7.	Pavilion on Day Camp Building	9,000.00
8.	Campers Shelter	2,000.00
9.	Rebuild Fence	4,000.00
10.	Rebuild Suspension Bridge	4,000.00

### **HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH STATE PARK**

1.	Sprinkler System	20,000.00
2.	Pavilion Addition to Picnic Rest Rooms	4,800.00
3.	2 Camp Cottages	9,900.00
4.	Dressing Rooms & Showers	15,000.00
5.	Enclose Porch Refreshment Pavilion	5,000.00
6.	2 Picnic Pavilions	16,000.00
7.	Boat & Canoe Storage	8,900.00
8.	Addition to Garage Apt.	3,000.00
9.	20 Picnic Tables	900.00

### **WOODRUFF LAKE STATE PARK**

#### **(White Area)**

1.	Rangers Residence	13,800.00
2.	2 Wells, Pump, Tank & Water Lines	10,500.00
3.	Combination Building	22,750.00
4.	Other Park Facilities	4,950.00
5.	Boat Launching Facilities	12,000.00
6.	Headquarters	10,000.00
7.	Campers Rest Room	13,650.00
8.	2 Picnic Pavilions & Campers Shelter	18,000.00
9.	Equipment Shelter & Shop	15,200.00
10.	Fence	3,500.00

**WOODRUFF LAKE STATE PARK**  
(Colored Area)

1.	Well, Pump, Tank & Water Lines	7,000.00
2.	Ranger Residence	13,800.00
3.	2 Picnic Pavilions	16,000.00
4.	Combination Building	18,000.00
5.	Other Park Facilities	2,550.00
6.	Fence & Entrance	2,000.00
7.	Boat Dock & Ramp	10,000.00
8.	Playground Equipment	1,500.00

**JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK**

1.	Campers Rest Room	13,650.00
2.	Well, Pump, Tank & Water Lines	2,250.00
3.	Rangers Residence	13,800.00
4.	Campers Shelter	2,000.00
5.	Picnic Pavilion	8,000.00
6.	Barbecue Pit & Shelter	3,000.00
7.	Boat Ramp	4,500.00
8.	Rebuild Fence	4,000.00
9.	Other Park Facilities	1,500.00

**KILLEARN GARDENS STATE PARK**

1.	Rangers Residence	13,800.00
2.	Sunken Garden	6,000.00
3.	Sprinkler System Expansion and Water Line Extension	7,500.00
4.	Barbecue Pit & Shelter	3,000.00
5.	2 Picnic Pavilions	16,000.00
6.	Boat Ramp	4,500.00
7.	Other Park Facilities	2,400.00
8.	Ranger Residence (colored)	5,000.00
9.	Garden Expansion	10,000.00

**LAKE GRIFFIN STATE PARK**

1.	Acquisition	20,000.00
2.	Dredging	15,000.00

**MAGNOLIA LAKE STATE PARK (Colored)**

1.	Well, Pump, Tank & Water Lines	7,500.00
2.	Ranger Residence	13,800.00
3.	Combination Building	28,000.00
4.	Other Park Facilities	2,750.00
5.	Garage & Shop	7,000.00
6.	Entranceway & Contact Station	5,000.00
7.	Fence	4,000.00
8.	Docks	5,000.00
9.	Picnic Shelter	8,400.00

### **LITTLE TALBOT ISLAND STATE PARK**

1.	Bath House & Combination	55,300.00
2.	Enlarge Water Supply	2,500.00
3.	2 Fishing Piers	200,000.00
4.	6 Picnic Pavilions	26,400.00
5.	2 Ranger Residence	27,600.00
6.	Park Headquarters	9,900.00
7.	Other Park Facilities	3,450.00

### **MANATEE SPRINGS STATE PARK**

1.	Enlarge Bath House	4,000.00
2.	Equipment Shed & Shop	13,750.00
3.	Picnic Pavilion	8,000.00
4.	Barbecue Pit & Shelter	3,000.00
5.	Dock & Spring Walkway	2,500.00
6.	Scout Campers Rest Room	3,800.00
7.	Acquisition	20,000.00
8.	Other Park Facilities	1,275.00
9.	Campers Shelter	2,000.00

### **MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK**

1.	Trailer Camp Rest Room	13,650.00
2.	Rangers Residence	13,800.00
3.	2 Picnic Pavilions	11,000.00
4.	Barbecue Pit & Shelter	3,000.00
5.	Other Park Facilities	2,700.00
6.	Equipment Shelter	14,000.00
7.	Fence	1,750.00
8.	Camper Shelter	2,000.00
9.	Addition to Office	1,980.00

### **O'LENO STATE PARK**

1.	Group Camp Dining Hall	33,000.00
2.	Women's Bath House	9,600.00
3.	6 Group Camp Cabins	28,800.00
4.	Recreation Building	25,500.00

### **PELLICER CREEK STATE PARK**

1.	Ranger Residence	13,800.00
2.	Well, Pump, Tank & Storage	5,000.00
3.	Picnic Shelter & Rest Room	16,500.00
4.	Other Park Facilities	1,275.00
5.	Boat Ramp	5,000.00
6.	Fence	4,800.00

### **SOUTH CREEK STATE PARK**

1.	Water Lines	2,500.00
2.	Picnic Pavilion & Rest Room	37,500.00
3.	Other Park Facilities	2,400.00
4.	Equipment Shed & Shop	8,200.00
5.	Entrance & Fence (contact station)	7,500.00
6.	Day Camp Shelter & Rest Rooms	22,200.00
7.	Playground Equipment	1,500.00

### **ST. ANDREWS STATE PARK**

1.	4 Picnic Pavilions	32,000.00
2.	Workshop & Garage	17,000.00
3.	Rangers Residence	13,800.00
4.	75 Covered Tables	20,625.00
5.	Dredge	10,000.00
6.	Fence	800.00
7.	Camping Rest Room & Laundry	13,650.00
8.	Day Camp Rest Room & Shelter	12,000.00
9.	Campers Shelter	2,000.00

### **SUWANNEE RIVER STATE PARK**

1.	Campers Rest Room & Laundry	13,650.00
2.	Rangers Residence	13,800.00
3.	Well, Pump & Tank	5,000.00
4.	2 Picnic Pavilions	16,000.00
5.	Equipment Shelter & Shop	14,500.00
6.	Other Park Facilities	3,000.00
7.	Barbecue Pit & Shelter	3,000.00
8.	Boat Ramp	7,000.00
9.	Campers Shelter	2,000.00
10.	Foot Bridge	1,500.00

### **TORREYA STATE PARK**

1.	Rangers Residence	13,800.00
2.	Gate House	6,500.00
3.	Campers Rest Room & Laundry	13,800.00
4.	Equipment Shelter & Shop	14,500.00
5.	Group Camp Rest Room & Kitchen	9,700.00
6.	Pavilion	8,000.00
7.	Boat Basin & Dock	15,000.00
8.	Furniture, Gregory House	1,000.00
9.	Campers Shelters	2,000.00
10.	2 Trailside Shelters	2,000.00
11.	Other Park Facilities	2,400.00

### **TOMOKA STATE PARK**

1.	Campers Rest Room	13,650.00
2.	Rangers Residence & Well, Pump & Tank	15,050.00
3.	2 Picnic Pavilions	16,000.00
4.	Boat Ramp (colored)	2,000.00
5.	Complete Building at Boat Basin	14,000.00
6.	Other Park Facilities	2,950.00
7.	Barbecue Pit & Shelter	3,000.00
8.	Day Camp Shelter & Rest Rooms	12,000.00
9.	Campers Shelter	2,000.00
10.	Fence	1,000.00

### **BULOW PLANTATION RUINS HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

1.	Equipment Shelter & Shop	12,500.00
2.	Repair Ruins	3,000.00
3.	Fence	4,000.00
4.	Other Park Facilities	2,000.00

### **CONSTITUTION HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

1.	Picnic Pavilions, 2 each	16,000.00
2.	Other Park Facilities	1,200.00

### **DADE BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

1.	Storage Addition to Recreation Building	2,500.00
2.	2 Picnic Pavilions	16,000.00

### **GORRIE HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

1.	Rebuild Boundary Walls	2,000.00
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### **HUGUENOT HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

1.	2 Well, Pump & Tank	8,000.00
2.	Rangers Residence	13,800.00
3.	Rest Room & Pavilion	12,600.00
4.	Fence, Entranceway & Gate House	13,000.00
5.	Garage & Workshop	12,500.00

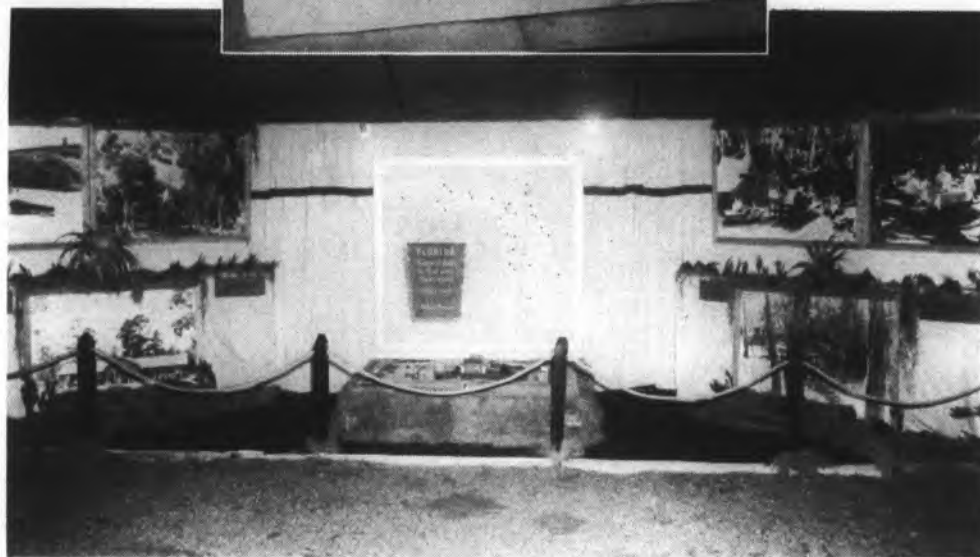
### **KINGSLEY PLANTATION HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

1.	Public Rest Rooms	6,500.00
2.	Addition Ranger Residence	4,000.00

### **OLUSTEE BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

1.	Rest Room & Storage	7,000.00
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The Fair Association donated space and lights for exhibits. Above were at Pensacola, Jacksonville and Tampa. Bottom one at Palm Beach County Fair won blue ribbon and silver cup.

### **TURTLE MOUND HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

1.	Rangers Residence	14,400.00
2.	Well, Pump & Tank	2,000.00
3.	Museum & Rest Room	16,800.00
4.	Museum Exhibit	2,000.00
5.	Fence	700.00

### **JOHN ROLLINS SANCTUARY**

1.	Well, Pump & Tank	2,000.00
2.	Equipment Shed & Shop	13,750.00
3.	Fence Muncillia House	2,000.00

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## **WHAT DID THEY COST? WHAT ARE THEY WORTH?**

The Florida State Parks and Historic Memorials comprise an outstanding park system, all of which was accumulated since 1934.

The areas were acquired in various ways. The acquisition costs to the State, other than for interest payments, title search and title clearing for all of these varied properties, only total approximately \$275,000.00. The present value of the land alone, on the present high market, would probably be in the excess of fifty million dollars.

The State of Florida has put less than three million dollars in the improvements in the Parks. The improvements which were donated, obtained at no cost to the State through the CCC from the United States Government and by the State of Florida have a probable present value of twenty-five million dollars. Therefore, the total value of the whole system is probably in excess of seventy-five million dollars. An appraisal is now in progress.

However, it is difficult to put a monetary value on intangibles. The aesthetic, cultural, mental and physical health, educational, historical and scenic values cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. If this were possible, the estimated value of this park system would reach a much higher figure.

The table which follows shows how the parks were acquired. The prices paid to the United States for land, and in many cases, that paid to individuals and business concerns was purely nominal.

# HOW AREAS WERE ACQUIRED

Area	Individual	U. S.	City, County or State	Company or Firm	Association*
Anastasia		Purchase			
Collier-Seminole	Purchase		Dept. Ed.	Gift	
Florida Caverns	Gift & Purchase	Gift	I. I. Fund	Purchase	
Fort Clinch			Fernandina & I. I. Fund	Purchase	
Fort Pickens		Purchase			
Gold Head Branch	Gift & Purchase	Gift	I. I. Fund	Gift & Purchase	
Highlands Hammock			I. I. Fund		Highlands Hammock. DeSoto State Park Fla. Bot. G&H.
Hillsborough River	Gift & Purchase		I. I. Fund	Purchase	
Hugh Taylor Birch	Gift	Gift			
Jonathan Dickinson		Purchase	I. I. Fund		
Killearn Gardens	Gift				
Little Talbot Island			S. R. D.		
Manatee Springs	Purchase			Gift & Purchase	
Myakka River	Gift & Purchase			Purchase	
O'Leno	Purchase	Purchase	I. I. Fund		
Pellicer Creek	Gift				
St. Andrews		Purchase	I. I. Fund		
Suwannee River	Purchase		I. I. Fund	Purchase	
Tomoka	Gift & Purchase			Purchase	Volusia Hammock State Park Association
Torreya				Gift	

Addison Blockhouse					Volusia Hammock State Park Assoc.
Bulow Plantation					Volusia Hammock State Park Assoc.
Constitution			State & Port St. Joe		
Dade Battlefield					Dade Mem. Assoc.
Gamble Mansion					U. D. C.
Green Mound					Historical Society
Gorrie	Gift		Apalachicola		Gift
Huguenot				Purchase	
Kingsley					
Madira Bickel Mound	Gift				U. D. C.
Natural Bridge					Historical Society
New Smyrna Ruins					U. D. C.
Olustee Battlefield					Volusia Hammock State Park Assoc.
Ormond Tomb					Rollins College
Rollins Bird & Plant Sanc.					Rollins College
Muncillia House			Duval County	Gift	Historical Society
Turtle Mound					
Yellow Bluff Fort					County Fed. W. Club
Yulee Mill					
Ribault		Gift			
Lake Griffin			I. I. Fund		

\* All tracts under "Associations" were gifts.

# PARK AND HISTORIC MEMORIAL RECEIPTS AND ATTENDANCE

PARK OR HISTORIC MEMORIAL	FISCAL YEAR 1954-1955		FISCAL YEAR 1955-1956		FIRST 6 MONTHS FISCAL YEAR 1956-1957	
	Attendance	Receipts	Attendance	Receipts	Attendance	Receipts
Administration	-	\$ 3.78	-	\$ 61.48	-	\$ 10.50
Anastasia (1)	57,600	233.40	63,420	365.70	59,545	96.48
Bulow Plantation Ruins	5,382	77.85	5,953	154.34	2,936	66.35
Collier - Seminole	62,432	243.29	51,310	1,239.24	17,539	403.01
Constitution	2,032	-	10,903	-	4,212	-
Dade Battlefield	41,565	50.00	47,940	564.60	22,438	304.06
Florida Caverns	44,734	26,480.25	58,799	25,022.15	25,217	13,056.44
Fort Clinch	53,224	6,989.44	97,946	11,076.37	70,124	6,742.26
Fort Pickens	271,738	3,916.47	492,090	8,538.37	210,902	5,210.37
Gold Head Branch	93,640	19,455.77	76,891	15,462.15	40,387	6,783.70
Highlands Hammock	57,811	9,426.97	57,393	**45,019.99	21,132	**12,442.94
Hillsborough River	106,350	16,700.07	125,763	19,487.68	65,847	9,880.15
Hugh Taylor Birch	683,251	45,930.25	733,084	56,919.15	329,493	23,253.15
Huguenot*	1,000	150.00	1,000	150.00	750	150.00
John Gorrie*	500	-	500	-	375	-
Rollins Sanctuary*	200	-	200	-	150	-
Jonathan Dickinson	1,355	-	9,104	121.95	2,516	102.37
Gamble Mansion	2,221	428.35	3,815	752.75	1,488	272.44
Killearn Gardens	14,426	5,142.65	19,423	5,767.86	1,853	1,015.09
Kingsley Plantation*	2,500	-	2,500	-	2,500	-
Little Talbot Island	247,220	9,274.10	265,024	9,533.30	147,859	*6,649.07
Madira Bickel Mound*	500	-	500	-	375	-
Manatee Springs	16,653	1,142.06	25,679	2,100.71	18,175	1,975.34



Myakka River	56,058	9,031.87	63,293	10,002.05	26,831	4,347.78
Natural Bridge Battlefield*	2,500	-	3,300	-	2,500	-
New Smyrna Sugar Mill Ruins	13,015	-	12,805	-	7,644	-
O'Leno	37,488	5,000.58	33,758	5,617.66	18,609	3,763.85
Olustee Battlefield	2,394	487.25	5,122	8.65	2,734	3.00
Pellicer Creek*	500	-	500	-	375	-
St. Andrews	192,293	-	210,757	14,130.43	106,663	13,149.45
Suwannee River (2)	1,700	628.67	3,500	134.30	10,738	275.47
Tomoka	59,751	-	116,325	590.29	52,728	604.25
Torrey	7,059	14.02	7,788	104.67	6,231	211.36
Turtle Mound*	2,500	-	2,500	-	2,500	-
Yellow Bluff Fort*	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,250	-
Yulee Sugar Mill Ruins*	500	-	500	-	500	-
Totals	2,143,102	\$160,807.69	2,610,335	\$232,925.84	1,285,116	\$110,768.88

(1) Closed first 6 months of 1954-55 fiscal year, under construction.

(2) Office estimate of 1954-55. Opened in Jan. 1955.

\* Office estimate

\*\* Includes \$35,542.00 in 1955-56 & \$9,105.00 in 1956-57 from sales of burned timber.

# USE AND FACILITIES

Park	Exhibits or Museum	Fishing L-Lake S-Stream B-Beach	Bathhouse	Refresh- ments	Vacation Cabins	Picnic Facilities	Barbecue Pit	Rental Boats or Canoes	Boat Docks or Ramp
Anastasia.....		S-B				X			D-R
Collier-Seminole.....	X	S				X			
Florida Caverns.....	X	S		1		X			
Fort Clinch.....	X	B		1		X			R
Fort Pickens <sub>2</sub> .....	X	B		1		X			D
Gold Head Branch.....		L	B	1	14	X	X	X	D
Highlands Hammock.....	X	S		1		X	X		
Hillsborough River.....	X	S	B	1		X	X	X	D
Hugh Taylor Birch.....	X	L		1		X	X	X	D
Little Talbot Island <sub>2</sub> .....		B-S	B <sub>2</sub>	2 <sub>2</sub>		X <sub>2</sub>			
Manatee Springs.....		S	B	1		X		X	D-R
Myakka River <sub>2</sub> .....	X	L-S		1	5	X	X	X	D
O'Leno.....	X	S	B	1	X <sub>3</sub>	X		X	D
St. Andrews <sub>2</sub> .....		B-S	B <sub>2</sub>	2		X			D
Suwannee River.....		S				X			
Tomoka <sub>2</sub> .....		S				X <sub>2</sub>			R
Torreya <sub>4</sub> .....	X	S				X	X		
Historic Memorials									
Natural Bridge.....		S				X			
Bulow Ruins.....	X	S				X			
Dade Battlefield.....	X					X	X		
Gamble Mansion.....	X								
Kingsley Plantation.....		S							
Olustee Battlefield.....	X								
Constitution Monument.....	X								

<sup>1</sup> Colored only

<sup>2</sup> White and Colored Areas

<sup>3</sup> Early Spring, late Fall and Winter use only

<sup>4</sup> Bunkhouse only

# USE AND FACILITIES (Continued)

Park	Recreation Building	Trailer Camping	Day Camping	Tent Camping	Group Camping	Nature Trails	Swimming	Guides
Anastasia			X				5	
Collier-Seminole		X	X	X			6	
Florida Caverns	1	X	X	X		X	6	X
Fort Clinch	1		X	X			5	X
Fort Pickens <sup>2</sup>	1	X	X	X			5	X
Gold Head Branch	1	X	X	X		X	X	
Highlands Hammock	2	X	X	X		X	6	X
Hillsborough River	1	X	X	X		X	X	
Hugh Taylor Birch	1		X		1		X	
Little Talbot Island <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>		X				X	
Manatee Springs		X	X	X			X	
Myakka River <sup>2</sup>	1	X	X	X		X		
O'Leno	1		X	X	1	X	X	
St. Andrews <sup>2</sup>			X	X	1		X	
Suwannee River			X	X			5	
Tomoka <sup>2</sup>			X	X				
Torreya		X	X	X	(4)	X		
Historic Memorials								
Natural Bridge								
Bulow Ruins			X	X				X
Dade Battlefield	1		X					X
Gamble Mansion								X
Kingsley Plantation	1							
Olustee Battlefield								X
Constitution Monument								

<sup>1</sup> Colored only

<sup>2</sup> White and Colored Areas

<sup>3</sup> Winter use only

<sup>4</sup> Bunkhouse only

<sup>5</sup> Bathing permitted—no facilities

<sup>6</sup> Bathing nearby—not in park

No bath houses at Hugh Taylor Birch, Fort Pickens or Anastasia

# ACREAGE OF STATE PARKS & HISTORIC MEMORIALS

State Parks	Acreage	Present Status*
Anastasia	852	O—P
Collier-Seminole	6,423	O—P
Florida Caverns	1,131	O
Fort Clinch	1,086	O
Fort Pickens	1,659	O—P
Gold Head Branch	1,338	O
Highlands Hammock	3,800	O
Hillsborough River	2,810	O
Hugh Taylor Birch	180	O
Jonathan Dickinson	10,484	O—P
Killearn Gardens	308	O
Little Talbot Island	2,500	O
Manatee Springs	1,780	O
Myakka River	26,898	O
O'Leno	1,388	O
Pellicer Creek	743	P
Saint Andrews	1,022	O
Suwannee River	1,838	O—P
Tomoka	836	O
Torreya	1,063	O
Sub-total	68,139	
<b>Historic Memorials</b>		
Addison Blockhouse	5	U
Battle of Marianna	0	O
Bulow Plantation Ruins	109	O
Confederate Monument	0	O
Constitution Convention	12	O
Dade Battlefield	80	O
Gamble Mansior.	5	O
Gorrie	i	O
Green Mound	6	U
Huguenot	115	U
Kingsley Plantation	12	O
Madira Bickel Mound	10	U
Natural Bridge Battlefield	6	O
New Smyrna Sugar Mill Ruins	17	O
Olustee Battlefield	3	O
Ormond Tomb	9	O
Turtle Mound	10	U
Yellow Bluff Fort	2	O
Yulee Sugar Mill Ruins	6	O
Sub-total	408	
<b>Sanctuaries</b>		
John F. Rollins Bird and Plant Sanctuary	133	O
<b>Undeveloped Areas</b>		
DeSoto State Park	216	U
Lake Griffin State Park	725	U
Ribault State Park	139	U
South Creek State Park	488	U
Sub-total	1,568	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	70,248	
<b>Submerged Lands</b>		
Florida Overseas Parkway (Area Undetermined)		U
*O—Operating		
P—Partially Developed		
U—Undeveloped		



The bald eagles nest where the areas are extensive, such as at Myakka River near Sarasota and Jonathan Dickinson near Stuart and Jupiter. They may be seen feeding their young at this nest in Jonathan Dickinson.



### **PHOTOGRAPHIC CREDITS**

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# STATE PARK GOOD MANNERS

Be careful with smoking materials and build fires only at designated places. Be sure they are out whenever you leave them.

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Help keep it clean for the next person who uses it. That may be you, your friends or neighbors.

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Bottles, jars, and cans are dangerous to children and adults at play. Please help them and us too, by putting trash where it belongs.

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Dogs reflect the manners of their owners. In a State Park, dogs must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet in length. If they are dangerous or objectionable they should be left at home.

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Obey fishing, boating, canoeing, swimming and horseback rules. You may be the loser if they are not obeyed, or it may be a small child that suffers.

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The trees, shrubbery, flowers, rock formations and historic structures all combine to make a park. You can aid in their use and preservation by care and a word to others.

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Use only roads and parking areas for cars, motorcycles and scooters, the speed limit is 30 miles, except near building and use areas where it is 15 miles. However, where necessary it should be less. Cooperate by observing all traffic signs and rules. **DO NOT DRIVE ON BEACHES.**

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Firearms, air guns, fishing spears and spear guns have no place in a State Park. Their possession or use is illegal. Furthermore, death or injury can result to the user, a member of his family or a total stranger. Bows and arrows allowed only at approved archery ranges. All wildlife is protected.

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State Park good manners demand proper use of rest rooms and other sanitary facilities. Leave them in as good or better condition than you found them. Please report anything lacking, out of order or unsanitary to Park Management immediately.

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Intoxicants, drunkenness, profanity or obscenity are out of place and out of order in a State Park where children and young folks predominate. These things are also offensive to most adults too, so let's not transgress here.

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Suggestions and rules are to guide us. However, consider the Park or Historic Memorial as yours and use it as you would have others use it!

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SHOW YOUR STATE PARK  
GOOD MANNERS  
and  
COME BACK OFTEN  
FLORIDA PARK SERVICE